

Coldest Vancouver December In 24 Years

Prime Minister Says Parliament To Open Jan. 26

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent today announced Parliament will open Wednesday, Jan. 26, and make an immediate drive for quick approval of the legislation for admitting Newfoundland to the Confederation.

No Margarine Appeal Planned By Government

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent said today he did not think it "likely" that the Dominion would appeal against the Supreme Court judgment freeing margarine from the ban on its manufacture and sale.

The effect of the margarine judgment, along with the question of standards and regulations, still is under consideration by the cabinet, said Mr. St. Laurent.

While he does not think the federal government will appeal the judgment, he noted that there are other parties who took part in the Supreme Court hearing on the legality of the margarine ban who might decide to go to the higher court.

Mr. St. Laurent said the government has asked the justice department for an opinion as to what power it and parliament now might exercise over the butter substitutes.

He indicated also that the government was adopting a wait-and-see attitude until the provinces have indicated how they will act on the question. The effect of the Supreme Court judgment was that the sale and manufacture of butter substitutes was a matter of provincial jurisdiction and responsibility.

"Common courtesy requires us," he said, "to wait and see what attitude the provinces might adopt."

He added some product might be put on the market which would be unwholesome and harmful to the people. If that happened, steps would have to be taken to protect the public as was done under pure foods legislation. Then again, no action might be required by the Dominion.

Washington Governor Pardons Veteran Of 13 Years In Jail

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—Governor Wallgren today granted a conditional pardon to Clarence G. Boggie who was convicted in 1935 of the murder of Moritz Petersen of Spokane.

Boggie, who will be freed immediately, has served 13 years for a murder he always denied. Wallgren said the conditional pardon was recommended by the prosecuting attorney, Attorney General Smith Troy, and the board of prison terms and paroles on the basis of new evidence.

The attorney-general investigated the case after new evidence was presented by mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner and Don Magnuson, a Seattle newspaper reporter.

In announcing the pardon, Wallgren said:

"The recent investigation, has disclosed considerable evidence which was not available to Boggie's defence counsel and which was not brought to the attention of the court."

Troy's recommendation to Wallgren declared another man may be brought to trial for the slaying of which Boggie was accused.

Boggie has been serving a life sentence for the first degree murder of 80-year-old Petersen in Spokane June 26, 1933.

At a pre-holiday press conference he made these other announcements:

1. The by-election in Nicolet-Yamaska will be held Feb. 7.

2. Appointment of former Resources Minister J. A. Glen as a member of the International Joint Commission.

3. Appointment of Roy Graham, former deputy clerk of the House of Commons to the Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench.

4. That Mr. Graham would serve for one year as chairman of the Income Tax Appeal Board.

5. Appointment of Pablo Monet, K.C. of Montreal, and W. Stanley Fisher of Ottawa as members of the Income Tax Appeal Board.

6. Appointment of Alexandre Boudreault of the faculty of Laval University, Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere, Que., as member of the Civil Service Commission.

7. Appointment of W. H. Phillips, vice-president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, as member of the CBC board of governors for a three-year term, replacing Howard B. Chase.

8. That Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, retiring clerk of the House of Commons, would remain in that office until July 16 next.

9. That the government was considering the possibility of introducing at the next session of Parliament legislation abolishing appeals to the Privy Council.

10. That agreement on the price of wheat to the United Kingdom is being considered here and in London and that decision might be delayed beyond Dec. 31, deadline set in the agreement for fixing the 1949-1950 price.

11. That the government still hoped the United States Congress would approve the agreement with Canada on power and navigation development of the St. Lawrence River.

The Prime Minister said he hoped to get the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne moved and seconded, and the debate opened by all party leaders in the opening week of Parliament. That was why he had abandoned the traditional Thursday opening in favor of Wednesday.

On the following Monday he would ask agreement of all parties to suspend debate on the address and take up at once the legislation necessary to effect the union of Newfoundland with the Dominion as a 10th province.

"This is urgent legislation," he said.

It would be necessary to submit the approved legislation to the United Kingdom Parliament and the desire was to have union completed by March 31.

Coldwell Demands Finest Margarine

OTTAWA (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, called today for immediate federal government action to protect Canadian consumers against inferior brands of margarine.

In a prepared statement, he said the Dominion should make use of its powers under the food and drug act to require that all margarine manufactured or offered for sale "should be as wholesome and nutritious as butter."

He said all this would be automatically ensured if C.C.F. policy of manufacture of margarine by a crown company were followed.

Weather Foils Rescue Attempts

WASHINGTON (AP)—New attempts to snatch 11 marooned fliers off the Greenland ice cap were postponed again today when "very bad weather" closed in, the United States air force said.

The men on the 7,500-foot high ice cap still "are getting along very nicely," the air force said.

Building Resumes With Return Of Carpenters



At 8 this morning the sound of saw and hammer rang out from all quarters of the city and municipalities as striking carpenters returned to work after 17 days of inactivity. Hard at it when the cameraman called shortly after 8 at the provincial government's new office building on Superior Street were, left to right: Jack Boutillier, Jack Ford, C. A. Latter, Randy Carter, A. S. Wood and Ted Whitehead.



"This gear feels good," chuckled carpenter Don Hoadley as he climbed into his overalls to get on the job. The men were receiving only about \$3 a day strike pay in place of \$1.40 an hour. Now they will receive what they wanted, \$1.55.

U.S. Spy Hunters Label 13 C.I.O. Officers As 'Reds'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee tied a red tag to 13 union officers in the C.I.O.

But it said the C.I.O. has taken steps to purge itself.

Four of the men named by the committee as "Communist officers" are union presidents. They are Harry Bridges of the Longshoremen's Union, Ben Gold of the Fur and Leather Workers, Abram Flaxer of the United Public Workers of America, and Donald Henderson of the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers.

Jap Parliament Dissolved

TOKYO (Reuters)—Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida today dissolved the Japanese Parliament and called for a general election.

His action followed the passage of a formal no-confidence vote submitted under an arrangement between the government and the opposition to enable new elections to be held next year.

LATEST

Raise For Truman

WASHINGTON (AP)—For the first time in almost 40 years Congress may vote a pay raise next month for the president. If it does, it will make Harry S. Truman the government's first \$100,000-a-year man.

To Hunt Mines

SEATTLE (AP)—Two helicopters will be used along the Washington and Oregon coasts to locate and destroy floating Japanese mines after the first of the year, the 13th Naval District announced this afternoon.

Bar Dutch Planes

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Indian government ordered K.L.M., the Royal Dutch Airlines, to suspend service to India effective tomorrow. K.L.M. planes have been touching Calcutta and New Delhi four times weekly.

Search Continues

GREENWOOD, N.S. (CP)—Undaunted by a snowstorm which hampered air visibility, search planes today hunted for a light aircraft missing since Wednesday with four persons aboard. The single-engine plane hasn't been heard from since taking off at Moncton, 80 miles from here.

Locate Wreckage Of Czech Plane; 24 Feared Killed

ATHENS (AP)—Searchers said a Czechoslovakia plane which disappeared with 24 persons Tuesday night on a flight to Palestine was spotted today wrecked in the Peloponnese.

There were no signs of life, said Capt. Arthur G. Ray, Texas, commander of a United States air-sea rescue unit.

Ray said efforts were being made to get an Amphibian plane to take a group to the Port of Kalamai, from which the group could proceed overland to the hill.

Unofficial reports said most of the 19 passengers aboard the Czechoslovak plane were Jews en route to Israel.

St. Laurent To Serve As Quebec Santa Claus

QUEBEC (CP)—For the first time in its history Quebec City Thursday will have a Canadian Prime Minister performing the functions of Santa Claus.

St. Hon. Louis St. Laurent will distribute toys and festive delicacies to poor children of the city who have been invited to the Quebec Reform Club.

Prairie-Like Weather Grips Lower Mainland Mercury Eight Above

Israel, Egypt Resume Battle In Negev Desert

TEL AVIV (AP)—Fighting broke out today between Jewish and Egyptian forces along the Negev front.

Both air and ground forces were reported involved, shattering hopes for armistice talks soon between the two states.

Negev is the southern desert area of Palestine. It was assigned to Jews under the United Nations partition plan of 1947. An Israeli October offensive drove the Egyptian troops astride roads into the area and a brigade of Egyptians was bottled up at Faluja.

Israel notified the United Nations Dec. 10 she was ready to negotiate a step by step release of the Faluja garrison, and to discuss demarcation lines through-out the area.

The clashes began late Wednesday night between infantry and some armored forces in the vicinity of Nirim, a Jewish settlement within sight of Mount Sinai and about 12 miles east of the Egyptian frontier base at Rafah, an Israeli military spokesman said.

"Air forces were used by both sides," he added. After dawn today planes—presumed here to be Egyptian—bombed a large Jewish community southeast of Tel Aviv. Censorship did not permit the name of the community to be disclosed.

The extent of the fighting could not be judged from here immediately, but apparently it threatens to shatter the tenuous truce which has been in effect along the desert front in recent weeks, from the Egyptian border to the Faluja pocket, where 3,000 Egyptians are held in an Israeli trap.

The Israeli government announced rejection today of the Egyptian demand for immediate release of the Arabs in the Faluja pocket as a precondition to armistice talks.

27 Reported Dead In Spanish Plane

MADRID (AP)—Authoritative sources said a Madrid-Barcelona plane crashed in the mountains near Tarragona today killing all 27 persons aboard. Spanish airline officials declined to make a statement.

The sources said the Spanish-Liberia airlines plane left Barajas airport this morning with 24 passengers and a crew of three. They said it crashed three hours after the take-off.

Tarragona is a Mediterranean coastal city south of Barcelona.

Salvage Tug Reaches Disabled Vessel

HALIFAX (CP)—The salvage tug Grenadier reported today she had reached the disabled 2,322-ton Netherlands freighter Prins Alexander 200 miles off Sydney, N.S., and will start towing her to this port later today. The Grenadier estimated she would complete the tow Christmas Day.

Shipping circles earlier today expressed fears that the freighter might be in serious difficulties.

No message had been received from the ship since asking for a tow Tuesday when she reported she was disabled. Transport officials had been trying to get in touch with the ship since early Wednesday.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Prairie-like weather today had the British Columbia mainland in an icy grasp with a white Christmas in prospect for Canada's "evergreen playground."

The mercury dropped to 11.8 degrees above zero in Vancouver with suburban Burnaby reporting eight above, and New Westminster nine.

It was the coldest December day in 24 years. The previous low was eight above, Dec. 7, 1924.

In comparison, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, was warmer. There the reading was 17 above.

Snow is piled a foot high in some suburban mainland districts, and icy roadways are still a traffic hazard.

The wintry days are bringing dividends to plumbers. Frozen water pipes are common here.

Outdoor skating and sleigh riding is a popular sport. Traffic has been barred from 21 street hills to provide children with safe sleighing grounds.

In New Westminster 11-year-old Archie McLean was killed when his sleigh collided with a taxi on a hill.

U.N. Asked To Expel Dutch If War Goes On

PARIS (AP)—Australia demanded today that Holland be expelled from the United Nations unless she halts her attack on the Indonesian republic.

Col. W. R. Hodgson of Australia told the U.N. Security Council the Dutch assault on the Indonesians is "the first clear-cut deliberate violation of the U.N. charter by a member."

He called the council's attention to Article 25 of the charter which says "members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council."

The Soviet Union also loosed a blistering attack on The Netherlands and demanded immediate withdrawal of Dutch troops from Indonesian territory seized in the current conflict.

Soviet delegate Jakob A. Malik said all members of the Council should form a committee to enforce this withdrawal and added that he was introducing a resolution to this effect. A similar Russian proposal in the summer of 1947 was vetoed by France.

Malik declared The Netherlands had committed an "unprovoked aggression against the Indonesian people" and called on the Council to pronounce judgment against The Netherlands for it.

Dr. C. L. Hsia of China opened the second day of discussion of the Indonesian dispute in the Security Council. He declared China will support the resolution submitted by Dr. Philip C. Jessup of the United States Wednesday.

The U.S. resolution calls for an immediate halt to the fighting and orders the Dutch forces to withdraw to positions occupied before they began their so-called "police action" against Indonesia.

Colombia and Syria joined in supporting the U.S. proposal Wednesday.

Hodgson joined the Chinese delegate in saying the Netherlands clearly had broken the Security Council's cease-fire order of Aug. 1, 1947. He said they also had violated a "solemn undertaking" to observe that council resolution as well as later resolutions on the same subject.

"If the Security Council faces up to this matter, there is only one course—expulsion from the United Nations," Hodgson declared.

He said the final Dutch communication to the Indonesian republicans was "an ultimatum calling for complete surrender on every point," which allowed only 17½ hours for a reply.

The Australian rapped the council table as he declared: "This is worse than Hitler did to the Netherlands in 1940."

Civilians In Indonesia Killed By Dutch, U.N. Told

BATAVIA, Java (AP)—Reports that Dutch troops are killing Indonesian civilians were relayed to the United Nations' Security Council today.

The U.N. Good Offices Committee cabled the charge after the return to Batavia C. 18 of its personnel from Kaloerang, a mountain resort above Jogjakarta, where they had been isolated four days.

"There were reports of the fatal shooting of civilians," the committee said, "the shooting of an unarmed boy by an Ambonese soldier of The Netherlands forces was personally witnessed by a member of the secretariat staff and his young daughter."

At the same time, U.N. observers emphasized indications of widespread use of the torch by Indonesian republican forces to lay waste to areas they could not hold.

"Throughout Dec. 19, 20 and 21, numerous explosions were heard and large columns of smoke were witnessed at many points in the valley below Kaloerang," the committee report said.

"During the ride down from Kaloerang (Wednesday) it was observed that most houses were closed. Few or no workers could be seen in the fields or along the roads. A number of bridges had been demolished."

A female secretary of one of the G.O.C. delegations said Dutch soldiers in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, told her heavy fighting developed at two central Java towns, Soerakarta and Magelang, and both were in flames when the Dutch entered.

T. H. Critchley, Australian member of the G.O.C., said Republican resistance was continuing even in Jogjakarta, though Dutch paratroopers and airborne troops captured it in the first few hours of the fighting Sunday.

Aussie Workers Halt Indonesia Shipments

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Australian wharf workers today halted the export of goods from Australia to Indonesia. The ban on handling cargo destined for the islands revives an embargo the wharf workers imposed previously in sympathy with the Indonesian Republic in its dispute with The Netherlands. The decision was made by the Waterside Workers' Federation.

French Court Frees Former Minister

PARIS (Reuter)—The French supreme court has acquitted the former Vichy minister of the interior, 61-year-old Marcel Bern-

ard Peyrouton, of charges arising out of his membership in the Petain cabinet.

The prosecution alleged that Peyrouton, as minister of the interior from August 6, 1940, until his resignation in 1941, caused the arrest or internment of three former premiers, Edouard Daladier, Leon Blum

and Paul Reynard, as well as Vincent Auriol, now president of the Republic, and Gen. Marie Gustave Gamelin, Allied commander-in-chief in the first months of the war.

Peyrouton was also charged with having handed over political refugees to the German authorities during the occupation.

Ex-City Schoolboy Killed By Fire On Antarctic Survey

A former Victoria schoolboy and sea cadet, Lieut. Oliver Burd, Royal Navy, was one of three members of a survey expedition who died near the South Pole early this month, according to a news-dispatch in The London Daily Mail.

Lieut. Burd was the son of the late Bishop Walter Burd and Mrs. Burd. He attended school here at Oak Bay High School and Victoria College and trained with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets here.

He and another member of the

party perished when fire destroyed their hut at the expedition Base D, at Hope Bay, Trinity Peninsula, North Graham Land. A third died at nearly the same time from exposure and heart failure.

The expedition is a part of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey which works in the area in which Argentina claims sovereignty. The survey started five years ago and has established seven British bases.

Lieut. Burd set out from London two years ago with five other members of the survey who were all bachelors and selected for their toughness. He had made a return visit to England this autumn on leave and gone back to the expedition last October.

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Christmas Day Service at First Baptist Church, 11 to 11.30 a.m.

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Chiropodist D. B. Caird, D.S.C., 218 Pemberton Bldg. Phone B 3732.

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Widows Of Same Man Contest Will

VANCOUVER (CP)—A lawsuit between two women, each claiming to be the legal widow of the same man, was started in British Columbia Supreme Court Wednesday, involving a \$116,000 estate.

Thrice-married Arthur Frederick Tero, who died in North Vancouver last Jan. 3, left the bulk of his estate to Dr. Barnardo's homes in London, Eng.

Mrs. Adelaide V. Tero, 60-year-old Toronto resident, said she married Tero in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1906, after he divorced his first wife, but they lived together only 18 months.

Mrs. Jean Isobel Tero of Vancouver, who received \$150 a month under provisions of the will, said she married Tero in Connecticut in 1910.

Both women are contesting the will.

Predicts End Of Mountain Rates

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mayor Elect C. E. Thompson returned from Ottawa Wednesday confident that British Columbia's "mountain differential" would disappear and that Canada's

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OTTAWA (CP)—Sister, if you're among those who blame double chins and flabby bulges on sweets, listen to this.

You and other Canadians spent a multi-million dollar fortune last year to satisfy that demon sweet-tooth.

The Bureau of Statistics, without taking sides in the argument on whether sweets boost the girdle trade, reported today in cold figures that Canada's 1947 bill for sweets and chewing gum amounted to more than \$75,000,000.

Two years ago, when sugar rationing and shortages of chewing gum ingredients made sweets and gum harder to get, the bill amounted to \$52,078,273.



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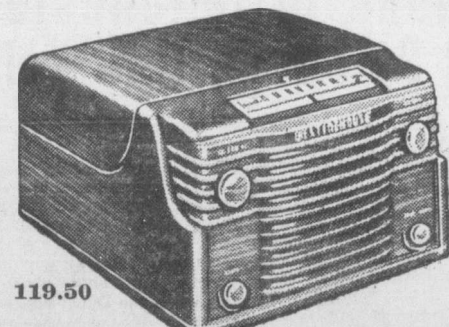
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Restore Communications On Island; Road Surfaces Bad

Communication services between island centres was back to normal today thanks to telephone and telegraph trouble crews who worked throughout Wednesday to repair breaks in lines caused by the heavy snow fall the previous night.

Both the B.C. Telephone and C.P.R. Telegraph offices reported this morning they were having no difficulty in maintaining service. Vancouver Island Coach Lines reported buses were keeping close to schedule. E. & N. Railway office reported its trains had not been affected. Roads were the source of most trouble today. Both up-island and in Saanich, roads this morning were covered with packed snow and ice. Main roads were cleared of snow later by graders.

Provincial police advised motorists heading up-island to carry chains. It was suggested these should not be used on the Malahat, because of the icy surface, but should be used beyond the Malahat.

Duncan, one of the heaviest hit island cities, reported heavy snow. Provincial police there have been called to attend minor accidents in the past two days but so far no one has been seriously injured.

Department of Public Works crews are working night and day to keep roads open. Highways are being plowed of snow and sanded throughout the day. Some byways up-island are closed but will be opened by the department as soon as equipment is available.

Barbara Ann Scott Must Sign Up With Three Labor Unions

NEW YORK (CP)—Barbara Ann Scott will soon be a full-fledged union member.

For that matter she'll belong to three unions, all affiliates of the Association of Actors and Artists of America (A.F.L.). Application already has been made to the American Guild of Variety Artists by the world champion skater.

Now in her third day as star of the Roxy Theatre's holiday stage show, Barbara Ann is a full-fledged "variety artist" and will pay a \$50 initiation fee along with an annual fee of \$24. As her salary increases the annual fee increases up to a \$100 maximum.

Rumored contract signings with motion picture producers and radio shows will mean that Barbara Ann will apply for membership in two of A.G.V.A.'s sister unions—the American Federation of Radio Artists and Screen Actors' Guild.

Ever since Barbara Ann announced her intention of becoming a professional skater early this year and especially since she made her successful debut Tuesday night, there has been considerable talk about her future in radio and the movies.

Officials of the Music Corporation of America reiterated today that nothing has been settled concerning movies and radio. Plans all are still tentative and include television shows as well.

Royal Nannie Takes Over Care Of Prince

LONDON (AP)—Helen Lightbody, royal nannie, today took over the care of Prince Charles. Miss Lightbody formerly was nurse of the children of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. She relieves Helen Rowe who resumes her duties as a state registered nurse. Miss Rowe has looked after Princess Elizabeth's son since his birth.

Sentenced To Death

BERLIN (Reuter)—Four former leading officials of the German "Hansa" armaments works were sentenced to death Wednesday by a German court for crimes against humanity. Witnesses said the four men had ill-treated Jewish and Polish forced laborers in the branch factory at Kamienna in Poland during the war.

Antarctic Expedition

OSLO (Reuter)—Fourteen men will spend two years on the Antarctic mainland during a British-Norwegian-Swedish scientific expedition which leaves Norway next November, it was announced here today.

Snow Storms Are Sweeping Across The Continent



Winter's first blizzard to hit Winnipeg and southern Manitoba disrupted traffic and communications, stranding cars and trucks. On Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, a pedestrian gives up trying to keep hat on. New York is bogged down under 19½ inches of snow after the week-end storm.

Southern Ontario escaped full force of snow storm which hit New York. Beverly Brown, Toronto, found plenty of snow to go skiing, however. The storm roared up the Atlantic coast, closing airports.

Nationalist Warships Repulse Reds At Tientsin's Port City

By TOM LAMBERT

NANKING (AP)—Nationalist warships at Tangku, isolated Tientsin's port city, drove off attacking Communists today killing 1,500 of them, government sources said.

(Associated Press correspondent Spencer Moosa in Peiping said many small Red attacks on the outskirts of Tientsin had been repulsed. Wednesday night alone, he said, 800 Reds were killed or wounded, and as a result today the Communists were inactive.)

(Moosa quoted Gen. Fuso-yi's headquarters in Peiping as saying the Reds were repulsed in almost every north China attack. Fu's headquarters said the Communists dared not attack Peiping directly because they know it is strongly fortified and the 2,000,000 inhabitants support the defenders wholeheartedly.)

(Moosa added that whether

these residents would show their support was another question. In his opinion the people of Peiping want peace above all.)

Nationalist forces in the Nanking area took advantage of bad weather which has eased the action north of here to throw up defences south of the Yangtze steadily. The pro-government Kiangnan Evening Post said the Nationalists had increased the number of watchposts along the eastern reaches of the Yangtze.

SUGGEST PEACE FEELERS

There was little military action immediately north of here.

The quiet was taken in some quarters to mean that peace feelers had been put out to the Communists by members of Premier Sun Fo's newly-formed cabinet.

But there was no official word from any source.

At least two of the cabinet ministers, former Premier Chang Chun and Wong Wen-hao, commander of the northwest headquarters, are known to favor a quick peace with the Reds, who have overrun almost half of China.

The Kuomintang's Central Daily News carried a story attributed to Communist prisoners that one-eyed Gen. Liu Po-cheng of the Communists had been killed in an air attack and his body taken to Suhsien. There was no confirmation, and government quarters expressed skepticism.

Communists were reported moving on Tientsin, north China's commercial centre, from all sides. Tientsin was isolated except by air—and that only because planes can land on the city's race course.

Complaints Made Of Danish Butter

OTTAWA (CP)—National Health Department official said today investigations have been made as the result of reports that some Canadians found "something wrong with butter imported from Denmark."

He said that as a matter of routine the butter had been checked when it first started arriving here and the checks had been continued as a result of the reports. So far there was nothing to indicate that there was anything wrong with it.

"I think it quite possible," one official said, "that Danish butter simply tastes different than our own; it takes getting used to."

The Romans used sand instead of soap.

Carpenters Return To Jobs Today After 17-Day Strike

The carpenters' strike came to an end today after 17 days in which little construction progressed in the Greater Victoria area.

The carpenters on Wednesday accepted a recommendation of the executive committee of their union that they return to their jobs pending signing of a working agreement with contractors, members of the Builders' Exchange.

The contractors agreed to pay the men 15 cents an hour pay increase demanded. The higher pay rate is in effect today.

Continued payment of the 15 cents increase hinges on changes being made to the working agreement. Negotiations on these changes will be started immediately.

The changes to the agreement that the contractors want are to do with incorporation of union trade rules and working conditions in the agreement, and with jurisdictional disputes.

The carpenters' union heads have said these requests are unconstitutional and out of the question.

Tie-up Continues Of Washington Ports

SEATTLE (AP)—The ports of Seattle and Tacoma remained idle today as employers reported "no change" in the status of an A.F.L. work stoppage.

The tie-up went into its third day in Seattle where A.F.L. checkers and foremen first walked off the jobs, asserting that some of their members had been beaten after the end of the C.I.O. maritime strike.

A.F.L. longshoremen in Tacoma joined the walkout Wednesday.

The Tacoma port, where A.F.L. longshoremen have jurisdiction, was the only major coast port operating during the recent maritime strike. C.I.O. pickets tried to close it but were run off the docks by A.F.L. squads.

A.F.L. officials declared two men were beaten recently because they had worked in Tacoma.

The work stoppage held up loading of 20 ships in Seattle and six in Tacoma.

Sforza, Bevin To Confer

LONDON (Reuter)—The Daily Telegraph reported today the Italian foreign minister, Count Carlo Sforza, will see Foreign Secretary Bevin in London in the New Year about Italian participation in European collaboration.

Police Meet Robber On Steps Of Bank

TACOMA (AP)—A young man was in jail today and cool heads at the Puget Sound National Bank were credited with foiling a bandit by giving him the run-around.

The youth was booked as D. C. Anderson, 23, of Los Angeles.

Police told this story: A bystander spotted an armed man entering the bank and phoned police. The young man went to assistant vice-president Charles Ogden and made a blunt request for \$20,000.

Ogden stalled him along. By the time the youth left, the police were waiting at the door. They nabbed him. He was carrying nine cents.

By the end of this winter Britain will have spent about \$36,000,000 on the Berlin airlift.

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Government Change In China May Affect United Nations

By MAX HARRELSON

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—Diplomats here are watching the Chinese crisis closely because of China's important position as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. Any change in China's government may lead to a revision of her foreign policy and that, in turn, may vitally affect the U.N.

It is assumed that if China comes under complete Communist domination, she will align herself with Russia.

In the Security Council, the voting alignment would be 8 to 3 on most questions instead of the customary 9 to 2. There would be two permanent members of the council in the minority instead of one, and each has the veto power.

Russia already is able to thwart a majority decision by the veto—and has done so 29 times—but she would have the moral advantage of having another big power join her in each future veto.

The Soviet bloc also would gain an additional vote in every major organ of the U.N. because China, as a big power, is widely represented throughout the organization.

There still is the possibility, of course, that China may not come under complete Communist domination.

A Coalition government might be formed which would include the Communists but which would not be dominated by them, or the present government might withdraw to Formosa or elsewhere. In either case, U.N. legal experts say, the present regime would continue to be recognized here as China's legitimate government. The U.N., as in numerous other instances, would regard the civil war in China as an internal problem.

Weather

Weather synopsis and official forecast issued at 9 a.m., Dec. 23, by the Dominion public weather office at Vancouver, valid until midnight Friday with an added outlook for Christmas Day:

Synopsis—The entire province is in the path of an outbreak of very cold air now surging southward from Alaska. Southerly gales with mixed rain and snow already in progress along the northern B.C. coast will spread to Vancouver Island this afternoon and evening. More snow will mark the passage of the storm across the interior today and tonight. This weather disturbance will usher in a cold and quite unsettled Christmas week-end.

Vancouver and vicinity, Lower Fraser Valley—Clear becoming overcast by noon. Intermittent snow commencing by mid-afternoon. Snow flurries tonight and tomorrow. Light winds increasing to southeast 20 this evening and becoming light again Friday morning. Milder tonight and colder again tomorrow. Low to night and high tomorrow Vancouver airport and Abbotsford 28 and 36.

Strait of Georgia—Overcast. Intermittent snow commencing this afternoon. Snow flurries to-

orrow. Light wind increasing to southeast gales 35 this afternoon and decreasing to southerly 20 Friday morning. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow Nanaimo 25 and 35.

Victoria and vicinity—Overcast. Intermittent mixed rainshowers and snow flurries commencing this afternoon. Scattered snow flurries tomorrow. Light winds increasing to southeast 20 this afternoon and shifting to southwest gales 40 this evening. Westerly winds 25 tomorrow. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow Victoria 32 and 38.

West Coast Vancouver Island—Overcast with intermittent mixed snow and rain today. Cloudy with snow flurries tomorrow. Southeast gales 40 shifting to westerly wind 35 this evening and decreasing to 25 tomorrow. Continuing cold. Low tonight and high tomorrow Estevan 28 and 38.

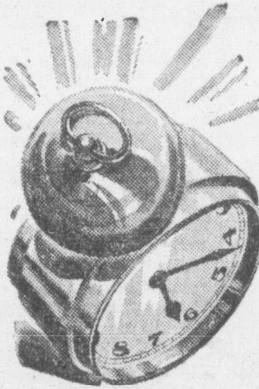
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Taxi Ride Downfall Of Toronto Robber

TORONTO (CP)—A house-breaker made the mistake of telephoning for a taxi from the home he had just robbed. He left the telephone book open. Police picked a taxi company from the open page, traced a fare which had been picked up at the house, and arrested Fred Straude, 18. He was charged with theft.



Well, I guess I'll go shopping now. Got lots of time. You know how fast us rabbits are.

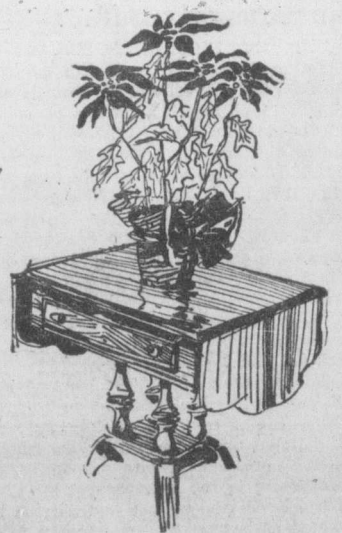


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INTO HIS SEVENTIETH YEAR

AS HE ENTERS THE FINAL SPAN OF human life allotted by the Psalmist, Premier Joseph Stalin would appear to be in possession of robust mental and physical health. One reaches this conclusion because nothing transmitted from Moscow on the occasion of the totalitarian dictator's 69th birthday suggests otherwise. Naturally enough, numerous commentators in his own and other lands have begun to speculate about "the succession." Judged by the progress of international events since the end of the Second World War, however, the political and ideological atmosphere would seem to favor Foreign Commissar Molotov as heir to the man who succeeded Lenin. Ever since that day in the early Spring of 1939, when the veteran internationally-minded diplomat Maxim Litvinov was deposed, the member of the Politburo who acted as the chief spokesman for the Soviet Union at the San Francisco conference of 1945, and at other important parleys in the meantime, has played a role on the world stage that has helped to fashion his political shoulders for the mantle of the arch-apostle of global Communism—presently occupying the position of potential ruler of nearly one-quarter of this planet's population.

What has to be taken into consideration by that element of the people of this troubled world who still enjoy the four freedoms, on the other hand, is that the men of Moscow who aspire to tell them what they should think and how they should behave have no scruples whatsoever. It is true that Stalin and his intimate colleagues are under no illusion about the manifold difficulties with which they are confronted. The government in Moscow, for instance, obviously is somewhat perturbed by the apparent defection of Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito. It is also conceivable that in not a few of the several former more or less sovereign states now blocked off by the "Iron Curtain" a certain species of unrest is visible to the all-seeing eye of the Russian dictatorship. This is not to suggest that former free states such as Czechoslovakia and Poland—two nations whose destinies have in the past been treated, to use vulgar parlance, as political footballs—are in the mood for or are capable of revolt. But if history teaches us anything, and none will close his or her eyes to historic fact, circumstances at any time may arise that would be capable of transforming Moscow's apparent complacency into a condition of serious political and ideological concern.

It may be that Premier Stalin and his cohorts in the Politburo are experiencing a state of glee as they contemplate the military and political condition in China and other troublesome conditions now existing in other parts of Southeastern Asia. For it must be remembered that the dictator of all the Russians is essentially Asiatic in outlook. He may translate this outlook into various methods of action. What must be apparent to him, moreover, is that, as he realizes the progressive consolidation of a Western European bloc determined to prevent Communistic aggression at all costs, his main opportunity for the advancement of his country's particular form of imperialism now lies not West of the Oder but far to the East and Southwest.

It would be foolish in the extreme to try to predict what at this stage is at the back of the inscrutable Stalin's mind. It is nevertheless now apparent to all able and willing to try to read the signs of the times that those few men who assume to control the destinies of nearly 200,000,000 Russians—and several more millions who have permitted themselves to be drawn into the Communist orbit—seem determined to refrain from contributing anything of a practical nature to those principles enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations—to which, three and a half years ago, the representatives of the Soviet Union appended their signatures.

THE PATHS OF GLORY . . .

WITH THE DEATH YESTERDAY OF former Premier Tojo—last of the three self-declared "men of destiny" whose warlike ambitions placed a burden of sorrow and despair on a whole generation of mankind—one is moved to wonder what their earthly courses of action would have been if they had been able, through some supernatural agency, to foresee the fate of their mortal remains. Surely such foreknowledge would have deterred these power-mad men from treading the paths they chose. Or would their mania, driving them beyond the bounds of rational behavior, have sent them forward to their deaths in a spirit of suicidal frenzy?

Consider the results: The body of Mussolini, riddled by the bullets of an execution group, hanging by the heels from an eaves-trough, spat upon and reviled; the body of Hitler, crumpled and gasoline-soaked, smoldering in the courtyard of his Chancellery, beside the bunker in which he had cowered as he met his self-imposed death; the body of Tojo, cremated and secretly disposed of, following a hanging in the grim, grey confines of a prison. Three revolting pictures—the final scenes in three lives that failed to measure up to human standards; lives that were but the vehicles for evil am-

bitions and lusts; that found expression only in the urge to trample and kill in their struggle for power.

How much pain would the world have been spared had these three never been born? Were they creatures destined to play the individual roles they played, and fashion events rather than participate in them? Or were they merely pawns in cosmic movements that would have found other instruments if these had not appeared? A dogmatic answer is not possible; a compromise solution is probably correct. But the lesson should be plain, although difficult to apply. As it is better to prevent a disease than to have to cure it, so the world would benefit by seeking out prospective successors to these three whenever and wherever they appear, and so curbing and restraining them in the early stages that the peace of the world would not be endangered. This, in essence, is one of the great tasks of the United Nations. May it not fall in the time of decision.

INDEPENDENCE AND TIMING

HOW CLEARLY THE CONFLICT IN Indonesia reflects the general determination of formerly subject peoples to control their own destinies may be a matter of argument. On the face of the problem, however, the movement on the part of the Indonesians seems to conform to a general pattern that may be expected elsewhere in the world.

The case presented by The Netherlands spokesman to the United Nations—that his country is determined to give eventual independence to the United States of Indonesia, but not before it is certain that the federation would not fall under the dictatorship of an "extremist party"—may have some logic. On the other hand, it is conceivable that the Indonesians judge themselves best qualified to decide whether or not they have reached a stage of development that entitles them to independence.

Restiveness among native populations elsewhere underscores the problems that now confront the once great colonial powers. Apart entirely from questions of self-interest—and none will suggest they are non-existent—statesmen of such countries are genuinely concerned over the manner in which the less-developed lands can be brought to that stage of maturity which, in their opinion, justifies self-government. The requisite processes of education, they suggest, will take up to half a century if the former subject groups are to avoid the pitfalls of precipitate assumption of control of their own destinies. But few are optimistic enough to hope that so much time can be allowed before the peoples in question will rise up and demand elimination of guidance from those who have ruled them in earlier days. It would, therefore, seem to be a matter of timing under various heads.

In the meantime, however, the masses of subject people, considering themselves thwarted in their efforts to attain nationhood, furnish a fertile breeding ground for Communism. The more their aspirations are repressed by physical force, the greater their resentment against those who exercise it. As we have said, the Indonesian question may not provide a perfect parallel to conditions in other parts of the world where somewhat analogous situations exist. The trend, however, cannot be ignored by the over-simplified explanation that the surge of nationalism is Kremlin-inspired. It is not suggested, of course, that the men in Moscow will overlook the opportunities such developments offer them.

THE ISSUE IS SETTLED

WHILE ONE CANNOT, AS THE EXPRESSION goes, "blame a fellow for trying," there would seem to be little object in a continuation of the efforts of a group of local flying enthusiasts to carry out their dream of establishing an airport at Gordon Head. The people most vitally interested—the property owners in the area concerned, who built their homes with the understanding that the district was zoned for residences and not for large undertakings such as landing fields or fair grounds—have given their emphatic opinion on the matter. The present Saanich council, acting on this expression of opinion, has voted unanimously to drop rezoning plans; and it is hardly to be expected that the incoming council, elected mainly on promises to kill the airport proposal, will wish to reopen the issue.

With these facts on record, efforts by the airport proponents to persuade the Victoria City Council to hold the Gordon Head land vacant in hopes that future campaigns may reverse the Saanich voters' decision, run a grave risk of interpretation as an attempt to obstruct the democratically-expressed will of the property owners. The matter is now finished, and the City Council would do well to recognize it, relinquishing any further appearance of support to a small group at the expense of the majority.

GREAT CHANCE TO IMPROVE

UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE arena makes possible the re-introduction of hockey to this community, Victorians will associate with the sport the names of former "greats" and thereby find a vicarious satisfaction in recalling those who have achieved fame while resident here. When Lester Patrick laid aside the New York mantle of "Mr. Hockey," much of the direct connection with the major leagues disappeared. Now elder son Lynn Patrick is back with the "Men of Gotham" as coach of the Rangers. The association of names is resumed. And it might be said that Lynn, who, despite being the boss's son, made a name for himself as a high scoring forward for the Rangers, has a wealth of opportunity before him. On the basis of current standings no team has a greater chance of showing improvement.

Eyes On Winnipeg

By ARTHUR R. FORD
In the London Free Press

AN INTERESTING newspaper development is taking place in Winnipeg which will be watched with considerable interest by journalists throughout Canada. A couple of years ago there was a printers' strike in Winnipeg against the two Winnipeg papers, the Winnipeg Tribune, which belongs to the Southam chain of papers and the Winnipeg Free Press owned by the Sifton interests. The strikers lost out. However, in the course of the strike the printers started on a shoe string a new daily called The Citizen. It was launched with a curious set-up whereby the subscribers were also stockholders—it was a co-operative arrangement.

A WELL-KNOWN western newspaperman, John F. Sweeney, formerly business manager of the Regina Leader-Post, also a Sifton paper, became publisher and business manager. He is a good newspaperman and something of an Irish fighter and he succeeded in keeping the paper going and expanding until it has a circulation of 20,000, largely in the city of Winnipeg. He has demonstrated at least that there is room in Winnipeg for a morning daily. We might explain that the Winnipeg Free Press was for years a morning paper with also an evening edition.

LAST FALL Mr. Sweeney applied for a franchise for the Canadian Press for a news service for the new paper. It was not opposed by the two other Winnipeg papers, but Mr. Sweeney, in view of his financial difficulties and the necessity of reorganization, which he candidly admitted, withdrew the application. He felt that he was not in a position yet to undertake this financial obligation. Today The Citizen is obtaining the New York Times news service and the International News service. It is naturally seriously handicapped in securing a Canadian service, although the paper has a correspondent at Ottawa to cover the capital.

The latest move in the development of what may become a real newspaper battle has been the engagement of B. T. Richardson as editor of The Citizen. This is a sort of solar plexus blow at the Free Press. Mr. Richardson's whole newspaper career has been connected with the Free Press. He was one of that group of bright young men whom Mr. Dafee collected around him and like all that group fairly idolized the Free Press editor.

MR. RICHARDSON, who was born in Selkirk, Man., is 42 years of age. His father was a Methodist minister. "B. T." graduated from Manitoba University, took an M.A. at Syracuse University and then attended the London School of Economics. With this background he joined the Sifton papers, first at Regina and later was moved to Winnipeg where he came under the tutelage of Mr. Dafee. He covered at various times the legislatures of the three western provinces. Then he was sent to Ottawa as the head of the Ottawa bureau for the Sifton papers. It was while there in 1943 that he traveled with the writer to Australia to cover the war effort of the Commonwealth. Later he was sent to both Washington and London for the Free Press. With this wide background he returned to Canada as editor of the Saskatchewan Star-Phoenix. This fall, to the surprise of all newspapermen, he retired. No explanations were given, but presumably there were differences of opinion as to policies between Mr. Richardson and Col. Victor Sifton, the president.

NOW MR. RICHARDSON, with this long Winnipeg Free Press background, is assuming the editorship of The Citizen, which is challenging the supremacy of the two Winnipeg papers and particularly the Free Press. It is very evident from the opening editorial of the first day that Mr. Richardson assumed the editorship that Mr. Richardson and The Citizen are aiming to assume that aggressive leadership as the voice of the west which made Mr. Dafee such a power on the prairies and in Canada. In the editorial entitled "The west must fight for its rights," Mr. Richardson does not pull any punches and describes the two present Winnipeg papers as "owned and operated by eastern trusts."

MR. RICHARDSON winds up this editorial with the following declaration of the aims of The Citizen under his leadership: "Newspapers, of course, have a basic responsibility in the discussion of public affairs. The Winnipeg Citizen proposes to speak out on behalf of the interests of western Canada. This function was once performed by the press of Winnipeg in a way that has been lost in the passing years. The audience brought up on the newspaper fare provided by the Tribune of the days of the late R. L. Richardson, or the Free Press of the days of the late John W. Dafee, still exists. It has long been dissatisfied by the two afternoon newspapers, owned and operated by eastern trusts, that have divided the Winnipeg readership between them for a number of years."

THE SURPRISING initial success of the Winnipeg Citizen, whose circulation has been steadily increasing in Winnipeg and is now moving into the country districts, is a plain indication of the public attitude toward the cash register mentality which has come to characterize the two old newspaper combinations of Winnipeg. It is also a plain indication that newspaper readers in Winnipeg and western Canada demand something more than has been available to them. At a crucial stage in the development of the west, and in the history of Winnipeg, The Citizen proposes to restore the discussion of public affairs to the liberal and unfettered tradition to which western readers are entitled.

Be Sure To Keep Your Chimney Open



Nightmare In The Deep

BBC London Letter

SIR ARTHUR GRIMBLE, in a recent BBC program, told of a fight with an octopus. He has had a great dread of these fearful fish since childhood but it had lain dormant for years until, when he was serving as district officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, he watched two islanders at their business of catching and killing octopi for food.

STRIKES AND HOLDS

This fish, termed a decapod because he has two short arms in addition to his eight long ones, anchors himself in a niche on the lagoon reef a few feet below water and stays there, looking for some tasty morsels to pass near by, when he strikes and holds the victim inescapably in his suckers.

The Gilbertese hunt these abominable fish in pairs, a dangerous job which they take very lightly. One man acts as bait, the other as killer. The bait dives near the lurking decapod and is caught in the tentacles, which seek to pull him into its niche. The killer then dives down, snatches at the octopus, jerks his pinioned colleague

smartly backwards and so tears the decapod apart.

Immediately the bait gives a kick which brings him to the surface with the decapod clinging to him. He turns on his back and exposes the beast for the kill. The killer grasps the great fish's head, from behind, turns the face towards himself, plunges his teeth between the bulging eyes, and bites down and in with all his strength. The decapod dies instantly, the suckers release their hold and the partners string their catch on a pole and set off to get the next one.

COULD NOT REFUSE

Sir Arthur asked many questions as to how the job was done. The boys explained the simplicity of the operation and, as he was known to like swimming and fishing, their courtesy impelled them to offer him a chance to join in the fun. He could not refuse, for a district officer cannot afford to show fear of doing what the islanders regard as ordinary work.

"I hope I didn't look as yellow as I felt when I stood to take the plunge," he said.

He described his encounter with the fish, saying, "I remember chiefly a dreadful sliminess with a Herculean power behind it. Something whipped round my left forearm and the back of my neck, in the same flash on my forehead and I felt it crawling down inside the back of my singlet. My boyhood's nightmare was upon me. A mouth began to muzzle below my throat, at the junction of the collarbones. I forgot there was anyone to save me. Yet something still directed me to hold my breath.

QUICK, STRONG PULL

"I was awaked from my trance by a quick, strong pull on my shoulders, backwards from the cranny. The cables around me tightened painfully but I knew I was afloat from the reef. I gave a kick, rose to the surface, and turned on my back with the brute sticking out of my chest like a tumour. My mouth was smothered by some flabby, moving horror. The suckers felt like hot rings pulling at my skin. My friend came up between me and the reef. He pounced, hit down, and the thing was over."

Planning Future Survival

By PETER EDSON, From Washington

THIS may be a little on the deep dish side, for people who want to peer into the future as far as they can peer. If you don't care what chances mankind has for survival on Old Mother Earth, skip this and forget it. If you're mildly curious, read on about how ECOSOC—the United Nations Economic and Social Council—is fixing to call a World Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Natural Resources.

WASTEFUL ANIMAL

It is to be held in the United States, place as yet undetermined, some time next summer. It will draw big brains from all over, and there will be much high-domed talk. The main drift will be that man is a wasteful animal who is squandering his God-given riches, and if he isn't careful, he may wake up some morning about 3000 or 5000 AD to find there isn't enough for everybody to live on.

That's over-simplification, of course. It isn't as bad as that. The real point is to determine how much population the world can support, animal, vegetable and mineral resources being what they are, and to make what's here last as long as possible.

When top scientists, public administrators and economists get together they will argue out their conflicting concepts of the future of these things.

On the one side will be the worriers about population growth. They may point with alarm to the fact that the 2,500,000,000 people now on earth are increasing in numbers by about 50,000 a day, net. Where does that lead to? they may ask.

One of their answers is that there must be birth control, or economic family planning, or national population policies to

keep the number of people from becoming larger than their means of support.

The other side of this argument comes from scientists who say that man's resources on this earth are constantly expanding, and the number of people it can support is beyond calculation.

OTHER METHODS

When the top soil is all used

Time To Get Tough

FROM THE TRUCK LOGGER CANADIAN citizens got a preview of what we may be faced with if the radicals ever get into power in Canada. A squad of alleged Communist pickets descended on the camp of the G. & F. Logging Co. Ltd. at Hope recently and "put the boots" to two of its employees, causing injuries so serious that the men required hospitalization.

This is the usual methods used by radicals who, unable to attain their objectives by reasonable thinking and action, attempt to do so by force. The fact that those participating have been apprehended and are now awaiting trial may or may not be enough. The danger is that these lawless groups, if unrestricted, will grow until they assume such numbers that they will get out of hand.

The Truck Logger has no objections to the Communists trying to make Marxists out of us—if they can. That is one of the privileges of free speech. It does object, however, to the Communists, or any one else, trying to mould us by force. It objects strongly to the opportunities these people have of making up their own laws as they go along. It thinks it is about time the people took some action to strengthen the criminal code and the courts. It thinks it is about time to insist on, and maintain, our rights.

up, they say, man will raise his food by hydroponics, letting the roots grow in chemical solutions. When the forests are all gone, houses will be built of stone, metal or plastic synthetics. When the iron ore is all gone, aluminum and magnesium will be used as substitutes. When the petroleum is all gone, synthetic gas will be made from coal. When the coal is all gone, atomic energy will supply power and heat. So why worry?

There's a lot of fascinating reading on this general subject. Dr. Warren S. Thompson of the Scripps Foundation for Research on Population has just written a new book, "Plenty of People." It goes into all phases of world population trends since 1800. Mr. Thompson looks ahead to a U.S. population of 165,000,000 in 1975-85, then gradual decline. He makes other studies for other countries.

When the scientists go into their huddle next summer, they will break down their subject into half a dozen fields, each of which will be a forum for experts.

The idea for this coming conference is not new. It was first suggested by Gifford Pinchot to President Theodore Roosevelt. He called a world conference. President Taft, succeeding him, called it off.

NOT NEW

In 1946, President Truman was induced to call such a conference through Ambassador John Winant, then U.S. representative to ECOSOC.

A planning commission consisting of seven Americans, and one representative of Sweden, France, Poland, Venezuela, Lebanon, Chile and Great Britain have been working on the program for two years. Its chairman is Prof. Carter Goodrich of Columbia University.



By DeWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press News Analyst
THE HANGING of former Japanese Premier Tojo and six other conspirators against humanity is being received in the United States with mixed feelings.

My contacts indicate that the reactions range from extreme satisfaction to some uneasiness. On one point everybody seems agreed: If anyone should suffer the death penalty, these seven certainly should.

Of course there is a large group which is against capital punishment on religious grounds. Apart from this religious opposition, a good many people are concerned over the fact that these and similar trials have been held under rules laid down since the war by the victors.

Everybody agrees that aggressive war is just as much a crime against humanity as the atrocities which may grow out of it. However, a lot of folk—most of all the high military—want to know just how you are going to assess responsibility for the crimes.

TOP MAN GUILTY

You know the top man is guilty. That's Tojo. But are his ministers and the high commands of his fighting forces equally responsible with him? They have to take his orders or be charged with disloyalty to their country. And if they are equally responsible, how far down the line does responsibility go for an order issued at the top? Does it reach down to the rank and file?

Mind you, thus far in Japan or in Germany there has been little question about the participation of the accused in the crimes charged. Irrespective of whether they were carrying out commands from higher up, they were committing atrocities.

A START MADE

I think most of the concern is over whether possibly a precedent is being set for carrying out "justice of the victor."

There are many who believe that this situation can be satisfactorily met only by the creation of international laws by the United Nations, covering all aspects of war. The U.N. already has made a start in that direction by outlawing genocide—the mass destruction of racial, religious or national groups.

So far as Tojo and his evil colleagues are concerned, having failed their emperor by not winning the war, they should have committed harikari, according to the Japanese code of honor. As a matter of fact Tojo did try but didn't quite succeed. The Allied tribunal has done a better job.



JUST AS COSTLY

Ottawa Citizen

It is a mistake to think that subsidies heavily burden the taxpayers. In the five years 1941-46 the total spent on them was only \$700,000,000; yet in the past 12 months rising prices have cost the Canadian consumer \$1,000,000,000 more than in the preceding year.

FIGHTING MAD

London (Ont.) Free Press

The C.C.F. at the present time is particularly strong in British Columbia and with a brand of Socialism which is much more radical than that to be found in Eastern Canada.

The policy of the C.C.F. is apparently to fight every by-election no matter how slim their chance of victory or to what expense or trouble it puts the country.

Letter To The Editor

MANY WILL AGREE

I am enraged at the frequent publicity given recently in the daily press to so many discontented and obscure English immigrants—as I feel the type of persons quoted and reported on, would never prove a worthwhile citizen in any country. I suggest Canada is well rid of them and England the poorer for their return.

After encountering inevitable difficulties which are negligible compared to the many advantages offered here, many of us have made happy and successful beginnings, and it is high time that we (and there are thousands of us) thanked the country of our adoption for its open-handed unselfish kindness, and apologized for the bad manners and downright ingratitude of these searchers after "something for nothing."

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Christmas Cheer Workers Find Pride, Chiselers, Kindness In Annual Task

By JIM McKEACHIE

Overcoming personal pride against accepting charity, investigating cases to thwart chiselers, finding needy families, then distributing scrip for food to brighten many a home in the lower island area—that is the current and annual task being carried out by Salvation Army workers in the city.

To date, 173 appeals have been seen to by the organization. Appeals are handled in conjunction with the Christmas Bureau, which serves as a sort of clearing house for all groups helping the needy at this time of year in order to avoid duplication.

HUMAN INTEREST

Behind the many calls for assistance at the Yuletide season can be seen what newspapermen broadly call "human interest material."

Like the widow with seven children, or the family of ten with their father in the hospital.

The former, as is often the case, did not appeal herself—a friend wrote to the Salvation Army headquarters on Pandora Avenue.

Another case of a friend writing in went like this: "I would like to put Mr. and Mrs. (name deleted), down for Christmas cheer. He is out of work and has just had a big operation and the missus has asthma very bad."

A neighbor sent in a request that a sick 88-year-old man be helped.

Several anonymous notes have been slipped into the army's Christmas cheer kettles on downtown street corners giving the names and addresses of needy families.

Lists of families helped in previous years are used as another source of information as to what people require assistance.

People not able to contribute cash often slip quietly into the Salvation Army building and leave some other token of goodwill. One lady left a batch of cookies to be served to the kettle workers who are given a cup of coffee when they come off a chilly shift on the streets.

A brown paper bag containing

a Christmas cake, some shortbread and a Christmas pudding was left with a kettle worker, along with a card stating "to someone less fortunate than ourselves."

A woman left \$5 for a gift to a little boy. It was in memory of her own little boy, aged seven or eight, who died a couple of months ago, she said.

ALL CHECKED

All requests for help are checked by the organization's Christmas cheer board, consisting of Maj. R. Shaw, men's social service officer, Maj. F. Howlett, citadel corps officer, Maj. D. Hammond, Victoria West corps officer and Maj. C. J. Milley, public relations secretary.

Even at Christmas there are circumstances to mar the proceedings.

Investigating one appeal, a Salvation Army official found it had come from a man with no children who has been steadily employed since 1945 and who draws a wage of \$6.96 per day at the present time.

Another man, father of four, had a steady job paying average wages. In such a case, nothing is done—a family like this is no worse off than hundreds of others, it is felt.

Many calls are from mothers of broken families where the father fails to provide enough. Behind these appeals are usually incompatibility or drunkenness, according to Salvation Army workers.

PRIDE A PROBLEM

Overcoming the pride of needy persons is always a problem for charity workers. Elderly people, many of them pensioners whose income remains unchanged 'midst rising costs and who have seen better days, are usually too proud to accept help. Salvation Army workers state that it is this type of person who probably has the greatest need.

The help is sent in form of scrip from one of several large city food stores. Up till 1943, hampers were sent, but wartime food rationing forced the change.

Help in the form of clothing is handled directly by Salvation Army officers who visit homes

Endurance Flight

PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP)—Bert Acosta, veteran flier, has announced he would soon attempt to set distance and endurance records with a new-type light airplane. He said he would test an "automotive plane" and refuel from a car. The attempt will be made at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Helicopter Rescues Expectant Mother During Blizzard

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—An expectant mother, aboard an airplane forced down on a frozen Alaska lake, was rescued Wednesday by a helicopter despite a raging blizzard.

A United States army helicopter flew 10 feet above the waters of Coo Inlet to buck 70-mile winds and blinding snow. Left at the lake was a U.S. army C-64 which was damaged in an attempt to take off from the lake.

The woman is Mrs. Frieda Johanson, wife of a Kenai homesteader. She was being flown to Anchorage aboard a Pacific Northern Airlines plane when it was forced down Tuesday afternoon on the lake, 2½ miles southeast of Point Possession, Cook Inlet.

She was taken to a private home here to await birth of her child. The helicopter was flown to the scene Tuesday immediately after word was received of the woman's plight. It carried a doctor and others. The C-64 followed but only the helicopter was able to take off this afternoon.

A third rescue ship had been turned back earlier today by "zero-zero" visibility at the scene.

Chief Finds Own Shirt While Questioning Man

MASSILLON, O. (AP)—Police Chief Stanley W. Switter looked closely at a man he was questioning about a robbery Wednesday.

"Where did you get that shirt?" he asked Henry E. Roane, 21, of Canton. "From a basement on First Street," Roane said. He described the house.

"That's my place," sputtered the chief. "And that's my shirt." Roane pleaded guilty.

B.C. ELECTRIC

Christmas Holiday Arrangements

The Douglas Street and Langley Street general offices will be closed from 5 p.m. Friday, December 24, until 8 a.m., Tuesday, December 28.

Light, Power or Gas Troubles or Other Emergent Calls during the above period will receive attention by telephoning G 3200

Bus Service—Christmas Eve

Special late buses will leave the city at the following times:

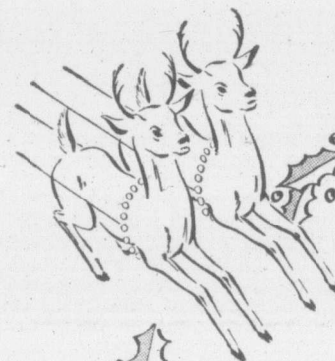
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SHOAL BAY	12.20 a.m.	OUTER WHARF	12.22 a.m.
RICHARDSON	12.20 a.m.	HILLSIDE	1.00 a.m.
OAK BAY	12.30 a.m.	S. FAIRFIELD	1.00 a.m.
VICTORIA W.	12.22 a.m.	MT. TOLMIE	12.30 a.m.
UPLANDS	1.00 a.m.	COLVILLE	12.40 a.m.
(Uplands and Cadboro Bay)		MUNRO	11.20 p.m.
ESQUIMALT	1.30 a.m.	CADBORO BAY	1.00 a.m.
WILLOWS	12.30 a.m.		(See Uplands)
HAULTAIN	12.30 a.m.		
and	1.00 a.m.		

Bus Service—Christmas Day

Copies of holiday time-tables are available at the B.C. Electric Information Office, City Ticket Office, corner Pandora and Douglas, or from your bus operator.

For all further transportation information during the holiday period, telephone G 3200.

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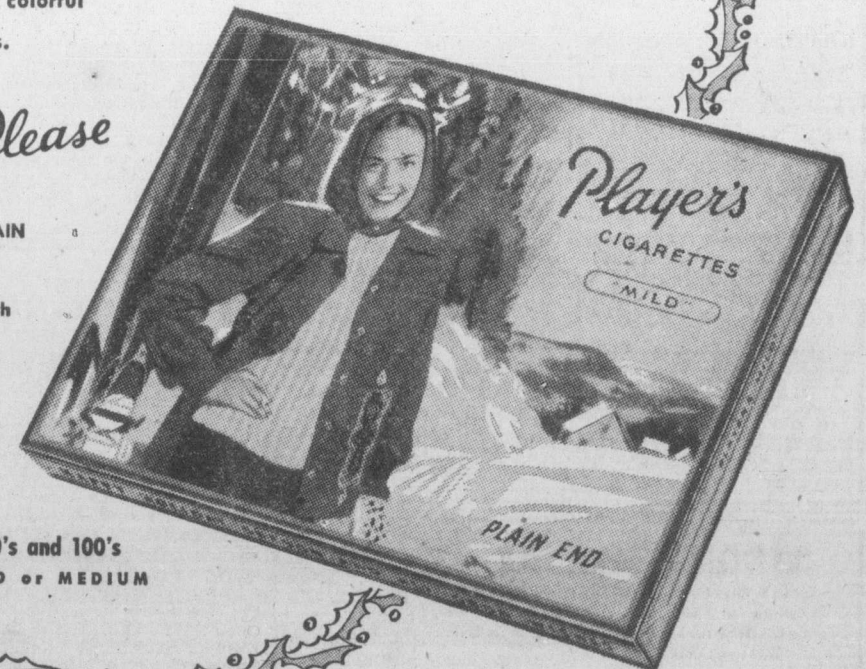
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Christmas Concert At Honeymoon Bay

HONEYMOON BAY—Children who attended the Sunday school conducted here by J. W. Robertson of Hope Hall, Lake Cowichan, held their Christmas concert in the community hall.

Presents were distributed to the children, and special prizes awarded to boys and girls taking top honors in attendance and for memory work.

Huron Sheppard, Duncan, showed pictures of "The Christmas Story" and of camp life at "Camp Imadine," a summer camp, which is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard at Genoa Bay, six miles from Duncan. This camp is of interdenominational nature and many children from the surrounding districts attend each year.

Sixty sat down to supper at tables decorated in the Christmas motif. There was a musical program and singing of Christmas carols.

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SUNDAY, Dec. 26—Sunday Service

MONDAY, Dec. 27—Monday Service

SALT SPRING ISLAND

FRIDAY, Dec. 24—Friday Service

CHRISTMAS DAY—No Service

SUNDAY, Dec. 26—No Service

MONDAY, Dec. 27—Monday Service

SOOKE-JORDAN RIVER

FRIDAY, Dec. 24—Friday Service

CHRISTMAS DAY—No Service

SUNDAY, Dec. 26—No Service

MONDAY, Dec. 27—Monday Service

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HOUSES FOR AIRMEN—Quarters for married members of the permanent forces have proved a problem across Canada. At the larger establishments, the government is building homes for these men. One of the most recent developments is Middleton Park at the big R.C.A.F. base at Trenton. It will eventually contain 450 houses, but only 125 are built or being built at present. The first 10 were opened this week. This R.C.A.F. photo shows the location of the development. The wooded area in the centre will be a playground and parkland.

Letter Goes Unnoticed With Seal For Stamp

OMAHA (AP)—Well, it finally happened.

A letter went through the mails from Seattle to Omaha with only a Christmas seal for a stamp, and no one caught it.

Mrs. Ira J. Houston received the letter from a retired missionary friend—"the last person in the world who would intentionally try to slip something like that through."



Craft Shop Operated By Paraplegic Popular With Xmas Shoppers

The B.C. Craft House which opened recently at 837 Fort Street, is stocked with the works of artists and craftsmen of this province, and is attracting considerable attention through the charm and courage of its owner, Mr. Hudson Blake. As his picture shows, Mr. Blake is sparkling with personality and ideas. Despite the serious handicap of being paralyzed from the waist down, he is carving out a fine career for himself, and at the same time helping many handicraft specialists to become known.

On display in his shop are many articles made by the patients at the Veterans' Hospital Occupational Therapy Centre, as well as the products of other craftsmen. His stock includes pottery, hand-painted miniature teapots, bowls, vases and ornaments. He has hand-painted brooches, dear to the heart of the sweater set! Shell-work displays originality of handling, and the leathercraft, in which Hudson himself excels, is of the finest. He has woodwork, and weaving, basketry, wall plaques, beautiful belts, hand-tooled for men, and in a gay variety of color combinations in suede to delight the feminine clientele.

Since his opening on Dec. 9, Hudson Blake has had a host of artists beating a path to his door with their wares, and he is anxious to contact every person in British Columbia who is interested in creating unique and lovely things of their own designs.

Canadian Buddies Help U.S. Soldier Regain Full Status

VANCOUVER (CP)—Christmas will be merrier this year for a scattered band of army veterans in Vancouver, Toronto and Fort Worth, Texas.

Millard J. Allison, who served overseas with them in the 28th Canadian Armored Regiment, Wednesday was restored to full military status by the United States. His Canadian buddies had a hand in helping get his army slate wiped clean.

Allison, now 35, deserted while the United States was at peace, to "get into the fight." He joined Canadian forces in Vancouver.

He was credited with killing 50 Germans in one afternoon of combat. Last week he was sentenced to six months for army desertion.

But Canadians who served with him "went to bat" for him.

Lt.-Col. John W. Toogood, his former commanding officer, and Capt. David Bell, his troop commander whose life Allison had once saved, started the ball rolling in Vancouver. They presented to the Canadian Legion, the American Legion and Allison's congressman in Fort Worth.

From Toronto, Major W. Marlow and eight other officers joined in the protests.

Wednesday Maj.-Gen. James Christiansen, commanding the Second Armored Division at Camp Hood, Tex., announced he had reviewed Allison's court-martial sentence, approved it, but remitted execution of it.

STATUS RESTORED
An announcement said "this action will restore Allison to a normal duty status as a soldier in the United States Army."

"There was no doubt in my mind that he would be cleared when the matter got through to normal channels," said Col. Toogood Wednesday night.

In Fort Worth, Allison, at home with his wife—formerly of St. Catharines, Ont.—and three children commented:

"It's a wonderful Christmas present."
He said he planned to work for his discharge at once. Previously he had shown no bitterness.

"Give the army a break," he pleaded. "It's a good army. I've been treated square. My case isn't the only one with a story—for what I did I could have got a dishonorable discharge."

In the Old Stone Age people in Europe lived in caves. In the New Stone Age they had houses, or huts, which were built out of doors, and some of these had walls of stone.

The most interesting thing about the Dolmen Builders, however, was something besides their tools and homes. At certain places they gathered stones of large size and placed them in groups.

If you lived in western France, it would be easy for you to visit certain villages and see some of the work of the Dolmen Builders. Outside the villages of which I speak are many rows of stones.

The stones are of a rough kind. The people who stood them up seem to have felt that it would take too much time to polish them, as they did the small pieces of stone in their tools and weapons.

The most famous group of stones in France is known as the Alignment of Menec. It is outside the village of Menec, and is made up of 1,099 stones. Perhaps there were 1,100 in the first place, with one now missing.

In the Alignment of Menec we find 11 rows of stones, each row stretching out for a distance of more than half a mile.

The stones differ in size. Some are from three to six feet high, others have a height of from 10 to 13 feet.

We may wonder why those stones were set up by the Dolmen Builders. That question will be taken up in our next story.

Uncle Ray
WESTERN FRANCE HAS BIG STONES OF THE DOLMEN BUILDERS
Among the strange people of the past are some who are known as Dolmen Builders. These folk lived in Europe and elsewhere in the distant past. No one knows just how much time has passed since they did their work, but surely it was thousands of years ago.

The Dolmen Builders lived in the New Stone Age. They were more skillful in making tools and weapons than people of the Old Stone Age. They knew how to polish stone, and how to make sharper and better-looking blades for knives and axes. They also

Arms-Carrying Law Said Violated By Aeronautical Firm

LONDON (Reuter)—A summons has been issued against the Aeronautical Industrial Research Corporation Limited of London under an order prohibiting aircraft engaged in international navigation from carrying explosives, arms or munitions of war, it was announced Wednesday night.

Sydney Cotton, 54-year-old Australian-born London businessman connected with the firm, has been summoned on an allegation of aiding and abetting. Cotton had his private flying license, issued 33 years ago, suspended by the Ministry of Civil Aviation this summer after he returned from Hyderabad, where he was reported to have flown medical supplies.

Cotton established the R.A.F. photographic reconnaissance unit which became the "eyes" of the force during the war.

He was the first airman to land in Labrador and the first to spot seals from the air for Newfoundland fishermen.

A Civil Aviation Ministry spokesman said Wednesday night "the summonses have been issued for an alleged contravention of the order but the subject of the charges has not been disclosed by the treasury solicitors."

5 Teen-Age Youths Draw \$50-\$25 Fines

LAKE COWICHAN—Five 'teen-age boys' found guilty on a charge of possession of liquor, were fined in police court here by stipendiary magistrate, Col. J. H. Boyd.

One was fined \$50 and costs, and the other three \$25 and costs. Col. Boyd issued a warning that in future jail terms will be meted out for repeated offences.

A local man was fined \$50 and costs for drinking in a local restaurant. Two drivers were fined \$15 for speeding in the school zone.

Local police have issued a warning that all cyclists must have lights on their bicycles from sundown to sunup. A local by-law just passed prohibits bicycles on the sidewalks and the fine for such an offence is \$5.

Winnipeg Alarmed At Asphyxia Deaths

WINNIPEG (CP)—Deaths of seven babies in the Greater Winnipeg area from asphyxia in the last 10 days were described today as "alarming, exceptional and the most in such a short time in recent years" by provincial coroner I. O. Fryer.

Dr. Fryer said many mothers were not aware of the danger of bundling their infants in too many clothes during the cold winter weather. Bedclothes and the breathing of food into the lungs also were factors. So far this year about 15 babies had died in this way. There were 30 such deaths last year.

Children having trouble with their breathing or suffering from colds were more susceptible to death from aspiration or food.

Drew In Vancouver 2 Days Next Month

Col. George Drew, leader of the National Progressive Conservative Party, will visit Vancouver Jan. 16 and 17, but it is not known if he will be in Victoria.

He will be making a hurried tour of western Canada and will be in Calgary Jan. 14 and 15.

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Tojo, Aides Shout 'Banzai' Before Death On Gallows

TOKYO (AP)—Hideki Tojo and three of his six war-maker companions gave lusty "Banzai" shouts before they were hanged in Sugamo prison today.

The last act of defiance by the four of the seven condemned men came in the little Buddhist temple near the death house, Shinso Hanayama, the priest who attended them, said.

The Banzai cry featured the last charges of many Japanese soldiers in the Second World War. Tojo and his companions also shouted for a greater Nippon before going to the gallows, the priest said.

Overflowing Fuel Tanks Said Cause Of 2 Plane Crashes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Civil Aeronautics Board said Wednesday that lack of attention to detail by the airplane manufacturer, the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the airlines contributed to two plane accidents, one of which killed 52 persons.

The board in a final report on the accidents said the probable cause of both was the burning of gasoline which entered the cabin heaters through air intake scoops as a result of fuel tank overflow. That finding had been disclosed some months ago.

The accidents involved Douglas DC-6 four-engine transports.

The first occurred at Bryce Canyon, Utah, Oct. 24, 1947, when a United States Airlines plane crashed. Fifty-two persons including a crew of six were killed.

The second involved an American Airlines plane which landed at Gallup, N. Mex., Nov. 11, 1947, after a serious fire in the belly of the ship. No one was injured.

Boy, Age 11, Dies In Sleigh Accident

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—Archie McLean, 11-year-old son of Mrs. J. H. Saloon of New Westminster, was killed Wednesday when the sleigh he was riding collided with a taxi cab. Heavy fog and slippery roads were blamed for the accident.

SEATTLE (AP)—The United States army transport Republic docked here Wednesday with what the Seattle port of embarkation described as the largest shipload of evacuees from China to enter the United States port since prewar days.

The huge ship's 627 passengers included 357 Americans evacuated from China under the army's "Project Orient," 42 war brides and two alien fiancées of servicemen.



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New Night Courses Attracting Interest

Only four more registrations will be accepted for the B.C. history course of Victoria College's evening division, but there are more vacancies in two other new night courses to be offered in the New Year.

This was reported today by Miss Dorothy Cruickshank, college registrar, who said applications for the courses must be mailed to the college. Registrations will close Jan. 3.

The history course will be given by W. E. Ireland, provincial librarian, in the Archives at the Parliament Buildings. It is because of lack of space that registrations are being limited to 20.

The two other new courses are one music appreciation, to be given by Hans Gruber, conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, and on the United Nations Organization, to be given by Anthony A. P. Dawson, special lecturer in economics at Victoria College, and a former employee of the U.N.O.

To date 32 registrations have been received for the music course. Only five persons have registered for the U.N. course. The latter will be canceled unless at least 15 registrations are received.

The courses will extend from Jan. 12 to the end of March. Lectures will be given every Wednesday evening. The Music and U.N. courses will be given at Victoria College, Richmond Road.

Officials' Flight From Peiping Halted By Engine Trouble

SHANGHAI (AP)—Three American Embassy officials and four newspapermen, marooned in Communist besieged Peiping for a week, took off from an improvised airfield Wednesday but got only as far as Tientsin. Engine trouble forced their plane down.

Their C-47 landed on the race-course at Tientsin, 80 miles from Peiping and still in the narrowing corridor still held by government troops. They were awaiting engine parts to be flown from Tsingtao.

The group included Brig.-Gen. Robert H. Soule, U.S. military attaché; Capt. Samuel Frankel, naval attaché, and Lt.-Col. A. M. House, air attaché. Reporters included Harold K. Mills of the Associated Press.

Communist troops cut off Peiping's south field shortly after the group landed there last week.

Wisner Optimistic On Rail Question

Attorney-General Gordon S. Wisner is optimistic that the mountain differential on freight rates will be removed.

Mr. Wisner presented B.C.'s case at the recent freight rates hearing in Ottawa.

He will return to the Dominion capital in February when argument on the evidence submitted to the Board of Railway Commissioners will be heard.

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Mrs. R. B. Buttor was seated at a table for two. Her tea hour companion was Mrs. R. Schurman, a visitor from Edmonton.



An annual event, looked forward to with much pleasure, is the meeting of a group of friends, pictured above, at the holiday Christmas carol tea at the Empress Hotel. Caught by the Times cameraman yesterday afternoon as they chatted before the tea hour, they are, left to right, Mrs. A. T. Cowan, who proudly boasts of 90 birthdays; Mrs. C. H. Harrison, Mrs. K. Perrier and Mrs. M. Holditch.



Among a representative group of Victoria's younger set attending the tea were the Misses Shirley and Carolyn Pauline, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Pauline, Foul Bay Road.

Fearless At 73

ROSS, Tasmania (CP)—Mrs. Arthur Bennett is 73 and an active member of Midlands Hunt Club. She has been riding for 69 years and still enjoys taking fences with the youngest of the hunters.

Home-Making First

LONDON (CP)—Dr. J. W. C. Wand, Bishop of London, writing in a diocesan leaflet, said there is no higher secular career than home-making. Every girl should be trained as a home-maker whatever other career she may follow.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Plommer will arrive from Seattle Friday to be with Mrs. Plommer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest MacGinnis, 85 Cambridge Street, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Clarke, Cavendish Road, leave for Chelmsford Christmas Eve to spend the holiday with Mrs. Clarke's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglas Flumerfelt and Mrs. J. A. O'Neill are coming from Vancouver on Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Flumerfelt's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pinfold, Despard Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Beal and their daughter Barbara, will come to Victoria Friday and will spend the Christmas weekend as guests of Mrs. Beal's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowbottom, 863 Richmond Avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald and their two children, Walter and Sheila, leave for Vancouver today to be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Springbett for the Christmas weekend. They will return to Victoria on Boxing Day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Abb Lindsay, Monteth Street, will spend the holiday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindsay in Seattle, and with Mrs. Lindsay's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Adams in Tacoma. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay leave the city Friday.

Miss Winona Carruthers was guest of honor at a surprise kitchen shower Tuesday evening when Mrs. H. Russell and Mrs. D. Manning were co-hostesses at the home of the former, 1633 Davie Street. The bride-elect and her mother were presented with corsage bouquets on their arrival. Invited guests were Mesdames A. L. Carruthers, C. O. Wood, A. Hill, W. Adams, H. Mangin, P. Hobson, C. V. Embleton, C. E. Moore, C. Jung, F. Wells, C. Robinson, W. Smith, Misses L. Carruthers, B. Hill, T. Mangin and P. Allan.

Miss Phyllis Goodrich, a bride-elect of this month, was honored at a kitchen shower given by members of the staff of the Stork Shop, at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, 2175 Pentland Road. A corsage bouquet of pink carnations was presented to the guest of honor on her arrival and pale lavender mums to her mother, Mrs. H. W. Goodrich, and mother of the groom-elect, Mrs. A. Burr. Other guests were Mesdames M. Forbes, B. Bell, D. Forrester, A. Westby, B. Ovis, I. Jones, B. Bishop, Misses Shirley Browne, Roslie Hutchison, Pat Woods, Barbara Wood, Margaret and Doreen Lewis.

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Many Guests Attend Popular Carol Tea At Empress Hotel

More than 300 guests crowded the Crystal ballroom at the Empress Hotel Wednesday for the annual carol tea. Cedar garlands and poinsettias, arrangements of holly and silver leaves on individual tables and the sparkle of the words "A Merry Christmas," arranged in a decorative motif behind the raised dais at the head of the ballroom, all added to the holiday mood. Serviteurs in pasted shaded costumes with ruffled fischus and caps, and the carolers in rich Elizabethan costumes added the final touch.

MANY GUESTS

Mrs. D. H. McKenzie was hostess at a table for six, her guests, Mrs. Alexander Robinson, Mrs. A. Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mann and Mr. G. Sandy. Mrs. A. Anderson invited Mrs. J. Ewen, Mrs. F. J. Ewen and Mrs. M. Gilowski. Mrs. M. McNeven and Mrs. W. H. Doherty were together.

At Mrs. A. H. Adams' table were Mrs. J. E. Barnett, Mrs. V. E. Sweetland, Mrs. G. W. Robinson and Mrs. J. F. Parr, a visitor from Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Terry, Col. W. Ballantyne of Ottawa and Mrs. L. M. Henson, sat at a table for four. Mrs. Allan McKenzie entertained Mrs. A. M. Dore, Mrs. B. V. Dore, Mrs. M. Traill, Mrs. W. Stewart and Mrs. M. R. Upton.

At a table for three were Mrs. R. Rendle, Mrs. W. Morris and Mrs. E. H. Rendle.

Mrs. H. G. Southin's guests were Mrs. A. Nysvee, Mrs. Holder, Mrs. A. Masters, Mrs. R. Gibson, Mrs. E. Hemmingsen, Mrs. M. Hemmingsen, Mrs. T. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Harder, Mrs. G. Stetler, Mrs. Kessen, Mrs. E. Corburne. Twoosomes included Miss Jane Roberts and Miss Ethel Gray; Mrs. H. E. Sims and Miss May Sims; Mrs. J. H. Davey and Mrs. J. E. Carver.

With Mrs. E. M. Jackson were Mrs. J. S. Poole, Mrs. Lugin Fahey, Misses Nellie and Louise Lugin. Mrs. H. Cathcart, Miss Isobel Kenworthy and Mr. Harry Cathcart sat together. Also Mrs. S. Thomson, Mrs. Charles Wishart, Mrs. Herman Rose and Miss K. Wishart.

Mrs. R. W. Angus, Mrs. A. Cowie and Miss M. Angus were together. Also Mrs. M. D. Jameson, Mrs. Rita McTavish Hughes and Mrs. Walsh. Another threesome was Mrs. J. H. Frances, Mrs. J. McAr and Mrs. R. B. Fergusson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dreury, Mrs. F. L. Jennings, Miss Lenore Milne and Miss Joanne Dreury were a party.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITOR

Mrs. J. K. Hodges had as her guests Mrs. Paul Myer, Mrs. G. Atkins of Toronto, Mrs. T. M. Knox, Mrs. F. G. Hart, Mrs. Angus Kenning, Mrs. O. Pauline, Mrs. E. V. Finland, Mrs. Gordon Kenning, Mrs. Ryckman of Toronto and Mrs. Charles MacKenzie of Vancouver.

Mrs. S. J. Rose and Mrs. A. Lindner sat at a table for two; also Miss S. J. Lamurs of Tacoma and Miss Prudentia Cowell of Stellacoom, Wash.

With Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowkett was Mrs. D. Beck, just returned from a visit to England, Mr. F. E. Delourme, a student at University of Southern California, who is spending the holidays in Victoria with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Delourme.

Mrs. M. McMillan entertained Mrs. P. E. Corby and Mrs. L. Plaut. Mrs. Tric Forster, Mrs.

P. Townsend and Mrs. E. Wright sat together.

Miss Nan Eaton's guests were Mrs. I. Bird and Miss M. Bird, visitors from Australia; Mrs. R. H. Green, Mrs. J. B. Clearhue, Misses Dorothea Hay, Eileen and Muriel Aylard. With Mrs. J. D. Norrie were Miss Hetty Bradshaw, Mrs. R. Speck, Mrs. R. D. Travis and Mrs. John Baxter.

In no-host party were Mrs. R. D. McCaw, Mrs. J. H. Brown, Mrs. W. Miller, Mrs. J. Davidson, Mrs. G. Holmes, Mrs. D. McAdie, Mrs. M. Hall and Mrs. F. A. Jackman.

Smaller parties included: Mrs. Stanley Miles and Mrs. W. Williams; Miss H. MacNaughton and Major F. M. McNaughton; Miss Evelyn Price; Miss R. E. Bell, Mrs. E. A. Lawson and Mrs. A. E. Day; Mrs. W. R. Irvine, Mrs. W. Milne and Miss O. Natier.

Mrs. M. Nicol was hostess to Mrs. H. Macdonald, Mrs. S. Vint, and Mrs. L. H. Toder. Another party of four included Mrs. F. T. C. Wickett, Mrs. G. B. Johnston, Mrs. N. F. Spencer and Mrs. J. McKee.

With Mrs. J. S. Pells were Mrs. S. E. Neville, Mrs. M. F. Gray, Mrs. L. Batchelor. A no-host party included Miss M. Brown, Miss F. Kennedy, Miss L. V. Henderson, Mrs. Frank McClement, Mrs. James Cameron, and Mrs. A. Henderson.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Mrs. George Walton, Mrs. A. W. Hunt, Mrs. M. L. Curtis and Mrs. H. Struthers enjoyed their tea together. Guests of Mrs. Brenton Varcoe were Mrs. L. Gossman, Mrs. A. Schroeder, Mrs. J. J. Rose, Mrs. R. Parberry and Mrs. C. Varcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Swan were there with Mrs. J. Hendry and Miss A. K. Robertson. At Mrs. A. F. Stevens' table were Miss Maude Lettice, Mrs. Vernon Taylor, Mrs. Charles Stevens, Miss Marion Kidd and Miss Helen Stevens. Mrs. W. Arnot invited Mrs. C. Lyle, Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. F. R. Arnot and Mrs. C. Kirk as her guests.

Seated with Mrs. V. L. Denton were Mrs. E. Tomlin, Mrs. A. M. Holder, Mrs. J. L. Watson.

Representing the younger set were Misses Shirley Pauline, Penelope Braide, Virginia Dean, and Carolyn Pauline. A twosome included Misses Julie Horsey, and Diane Bevin.

Mrs. G. Horwood, Mrs. C. Warren, Mrs. D. Shortt and Mrs. P. J. Woolley were together in a no-hostess party, and Mrs. G. R. Tucker and Mrs. E. C. Rutherford were at a table for two.

Out-of-town visitors were also represented at the affair. Miss M. Brownlee of Winnipeg, who is staying with Mrs. Watson Hall for several days, was among her hostess' guests who included Mrs. Thomas Fawcett and Miss Margaret Fawcett.

Mrs. W. G. Watson invited Miss Gertrude Watson of Toronto, Mrs. W. Watson and Mrs. W. G. Watson Jr., to be her guests. Miss Gertrude Watson is visiting Mrs. W. Watson for the Christmas season.

Miss Katharine Cate, recently of France, was there with her hostess, Mrs. H. O. English, and Mr. Ted English. Both Miss Cate and Mr. English are students at University of California.

Col. and Mrs. Fairfax Webber had as their guests Mrs. M. K. Shrimpton, Miss Gertrude Johnson, Miss Ruby Simpson and Mr. R. Turner, all of Deep Cove.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Fitzgerald, recently of Vancouver, have come to Victoria to make their home at 1045 Joan Crescent. Mrs. Fitzgerald is the former Miss Anne Michaelis of this city.

Mr. Walter Luney and Mr. William Hamilton will be hosts tonight at a dinner party at the Empress Hotel, their guests being members of the staff of Luney Bros. and Hamilton Ltd. Covers will be laid for 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lane Peterson are coming from Port Alberni to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peterson, Irving Road, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Admiral's Road.

Miss Barbara Nation, who has been visiting in eastern Canada and the States, for the past few months, will spend the holiday season in Montreal with her aunt, Mrs. H. L. Pavey. Miss Nation expects to return to Victoria about the end of January.

Spending Christmas with their parents, Major and Mrs. W. W. Melville, Sea View Road, will be their sons, Wilson and Graham, who are attending University of British Columbia, and their daughter, Miss Norma Melville, R.N.

Miss Maryan Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Peterson, Irving Road, who has spent the past three months on the French Riviera, has now returned to London, Eng., and will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Sussex.

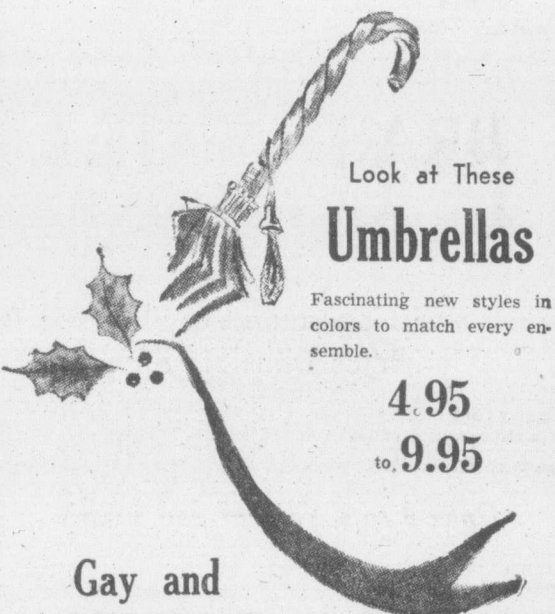
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Mills are arriving in Victoria from England today and will be the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Cmdr. R. A. Webber, R.C.N., and Mrs. Webber. En route from eastern Canada, they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Mills in Oakville, Ont.

Mrs. L. M. Hughes with her daughter Ann, and son Jack, arrived by plane last Saturday from Kingston, Ont., to visit her mother, Mrs. Andrew Gray, 1135 Catherine Street. Mrs. Hughes, the former Miss Betty Gray, is making her first visit to Victoria in 11 years.

Christmas is the season for family reunions and in keeping with the custom, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pottinger, 1618 Bank Street will have as house guests for the holiday, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Ira Green of Alberni and their daughter, Mrs. Denise Crawley with her small son John, of Vancouver. Miss Kathleen Collins of New Westminster, and Dr. Brian Black of Edmonton are also included in the party.

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Clubwomen's News

Colwood—At the annual meeting of Colwood Women's Institute held in Colwood Hall, all officers were returned by acclamation. Mrs. E. Emery is president; Mrs. S. Lang, vice-president; Mrs. B. Parker, secretary-treasurer; executive committee Mrs. R. B. Murray, Mrs. E. Wishart. A report on the year's activities was given and the financial statement heard. Letters of thanks for donations were received from Salvation Army, Queen Alexandra Solarium and Colwood Hall committee. Plans were made to serve refreshments at the New Year's Dance at Colwood Hall, sponsored by Colwood.

Volunteer Fire Brigade. Institute pins were presented to nine members with perfect attendance. Colored slides were shown by Mrs. Emery.

Candlelit Service

A Christmas party was held in place of the regular business meeting when members of the Tuckabatchee Club of First Baptist Church met at the home of Miss Marion Stevenson. At the conclusion of games, a Christmas candlelight vesper service was conducted by Misses Dorothy and Vera Waller and Marion Stevenson. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge of program.

Bride Dons Traditional Ivory Satin

Seasonal flowers decorated St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sidney, for the wedding, Saturday evening, of Lillian Mercedes, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Skavinski of Kenton and Kenneth Ronald, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Shults, Sidney.

The bride was charming in her gown of traditional ivory-toned satin as she entered the church with her father, Mrs. L. McKenzie played the wedding march on the organ.

A crown of orange blossoms held fingertip veil which misted over the bride's gown, the snug bodice contrasted with a full skirt, slightly hooped and flounced at the hem with satin bows to show rows of baby white lace. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

The bridal attendant, Miss Dorothy Shillito, sister of the groom, wore pale blue taffeta with matching gloves and head-dress. Her bouquet was of yellow and white chrysanthemums. Roy Grovum was best man, and ushers were Harold (Red) Munson, and Francis Norma. Shillito, brother of the groom.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Bowcott, Lochside Road. Guests were received by the bride and groom, assisted by their parents. Toast was proposed by Sgt. J. W. B. Watson, R.C.M.P., a close friend of the groom's parents.

Yellow and white chrysanthemums formed the setting for the three-tier wedding cake which was decorated by Mrs. Harold Munson. The newlyweds left for a honeymoon up-island, the bride wearing a cherry red two-piece suit with hat and purse in matching tone.

Personals
Mr. Ronald Knight of Vancouver will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knight, Cranmore Road.

Miss Faye Wyman arrived today by plane from Winnipeg to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wyman, 2770 Burdick Avenue.

Miss Nellie McClung of Edmonton has arrived in the city to spend the holiday season with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McClung, "Lantern Lane," Gordon Head.

Commodore J. C. I. Edwards, C.B.E., R.C.N., and Mrs. Edwards are entertaining at their home at H.M.C. Dockyard, prior to the Christmas ball in the wardroom at H.M.C.S. Naden tonight.

Planning to spend Christmas at Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, where the season will be celebrated in traditional manner with carol singing and Yule log ceremony, and Christmas dinner, climaxed by the Christmas ball, are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. M. Tasker-Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. W. Hackney, Miss G. Field and Miss E. B. O'Keefe, all of this city.

Winnipeg Interest In Quiet Wedding



The quiet ceremony which took place in the vestry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last week, when marriage vows were exchanged by Miss Eleanor Allnutt and Harold Charles Graver, is of interest in Winnipeg, the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graver. The bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Allnutt, 628 Head Street.—(Photo by Bill Halkett)

Celebrates 80th Birthday At Family Dinner Party

Mr. Aaron Parfitt, 2519 Cavenish Avenue, who has lived in Victoria for 61 years, was guest of honor at a family dinner party at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel last Saturday, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parfitt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parfitt, Miss Helen Parfitt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parfitt, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith, Brian and Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Harwood and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyman of Montreal, and Mr. Lynn Gale. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Parfitt were presented with suitable gifts, and received congratulations. Following the dinner an evening of Christmas music and games was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Harwood.

More Married Women Workers Than Single

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reversing the prewar picture married women workers in the United States now outnumber single women workers by a margin of better than four to three. In 1940, single women workers led, three to two.

The census bureau, in reporting this today, said there are nearly 6,000,000 more married women now (34,000,000 in all) than in 1940 and there also are more job opportunities.

There were 8,300,000 married women and only 5,900,000 single women among the 61,000,000 men and women in the labor force—those working or looking for jobs—this year, a check in April showed.

In 1940, single women outnumbered married women 6,700,000 to 5,000,000 among a labor force of 54,700,000.

Girl Guide Notes

Fourth West—Thirty-three uniformed guides of the Fourth West Cathedral Company sang Christmas carols through wards and corridors of St. Joseph's Hospital. Packages of candy were distributed by guides to many of the patients. After singing, guides were served refreshments in the hospital cafeteria.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured champion, Margaret Osborne
7 She recently won the women's national amateur championship
12 Bloodiness
15 Bridge part
16 Encomium
19 Number
20 One is a player
22 Captain's shelter
23 Forefather
24 Blow with open hands
26 Son of Seth (bib.)
27 Courtesy title
28 Operated
29 Ambury
30 Notary public (abbr.)
31 Wager
32 Root final
34 Solitude
35 Outlook catch
37 Alder trees
38 Above
39 Wards
44 Male
45 Climbing palm
47 Louse egg
48 Starter
50 Law enforcers
52 Succession
53 Ensign

VERTICAL

1 Gentle blows
2 Integral parts
3 Flower parts
4 Mystic syllable
5 Clean
6 Pastry
7 Trial
8 Before
9 Year (abbr.)
10 Country
11 Brain passages
12 Nation
17 An (Scott.)
18 Preposition

21 Incursionists
23 Turtle
25 Prattle
26 Sea eagles
31 Flare
32 Shrike
34 Mourning band
36 Ordinance
37 Book of the Bible
38 Boat paddles
39 Vermont (abbr.)
40 And (Latin)
41 Absorbed
42 Female saints (abbr.)
43 Scottish sheepfold
46 Correlative of neither
49 Symbol for nickel
51 Musical note

(Answer to previous puzzle)

ACROSS
1. BOMBS
2. HONEST
3. ALUM
4. IRON
5. TORE
6. REST
7. TRADES
8. SER
9. AL
10. SO
11. RE
12. IN
13. SOLAR
14. BOHUS
15. BENES
16. RATED
17. UN
18. SIN
19. BENES
20. DE
21. RIP
22. TENUR
23. VER
24. SAVES
25. DETER
26. SANER

Bridge

SHREWD ANALYSIS DEFEATS SLAM BID
By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

"Where do you get your bridge hands?" is a question I am often asked. They come from many sources — from games in which I participate or kibitz, from fans who write to me, from tournament experts, and so on. I get some of the best hands, however, at the cocktail table or dinner table.

Recently Harry J. Fishbein and I were having dinner in the Stardust Room at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"What is the greatest play you have seen this year?" I asked Fishbein. Harry took out a pencil and proceeded to spoil the nice, white tablecloth. Today's hand is the one he came up with. Fishbein was sitting East, and his opponents arrived at what appeared to be a very good contract of six hearts.

Out came the opening lead of the ten of clubs, and I am quite sure that most players would agree that Fishbein should split his honors and play the queen. But he did not. He played the three-spot. He knew that the ten had to be either a singleton or a doubleton. If it was a singleton, the declarer had five clubs. If Fishbein split his honors, declarer would be able to get some discards on the club suit.

South would win the queen of clubs with the ace, lead the jack of hearts, overtake in dummy with the queen, lead the eight of clubs, and all Fishbein could get would be one club trick. But more than that, declarer could discard dummy's two losing diamonds on the two good clubs.

With the play of the three-spot, however, Fishbein still was bound to get a club trick, and declarer could get only one discard. I agreed that it was a beautiful play.

'A Southern Yankee' Has Skelton As Spy

Red Skelton now shows what he can do as a Civil War spy! This new Skelton metamorphosis takes place on the Capitol screen in M-G-M's howling comedy, "A Southern Yankee," and if you don't think a Civil War patriot can be both a Southerner and a Yankee you haven't seen Aubrey Filmore, as portrayed by Skelton in an aisle-rolling plot of slapstick merriment.

Aubrey starts his spying for the Union's secret service in a strictly amateur status. He is a bellhop in a St. Louis hotel and his first coup is to mistake an innocent doctor and his satchel for the infamous Confederate spy, the Gray Spider, and his suitcase of explosives.

Dominion Theatre
Richard Denning and Trudy Marshall make an attractive twosome in "Disaster," the new Pine-Thomas action drama about the steeplejacks who risk death atop the nation's skyscrapers. The Paramount thriller is currently at the Dominion Theatre. William H. Pine directed from an original screen play by Thomas Ahearn.

Odeon Theatre
If there is any doubt about the versatility of Charles Laughton as an actor, it was settled to the satisfaction of all on the set for "The Girl From Manhattan." Dorothy Lamour and George Montgomery also play leading roles in the production. Laughton plays the role of a genial bishop whose duties include the keeping of his newest protegee out of harm's way, helping him a mortgage and smiling on romance.

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Christmas Story Moving Experience At St. Barnabas'

By AUDREY ST. D. JOHNSON

The Christmas Story, presented with fine artistry and in a spirit of sincere devotion, has been a moving experience for congregations who have attended at St. Barnabas Church during the past three evenings.

Once more, tonight, the large cast will enact the tender drama of the Nativity, while the congregation become, not merely onlookers, but a part of the scenes they are witnessing. The simple, devotional approach of the director and those who are portraying the numerous parts has resulted in a presentation that is austere in its beauty, yet warmed by the direct appeal of its humanity.

While no art nor aspect has been neglected—such as lighting, which is excellent, costuming and pictorial effect—there is nothing of self-consciousness or technical obtrusiveness. The entire production has been a labor of love, every part made as perfect as possible and the complete offering rendered as a service of commemoration.

The muted tones of the organ and the sweet singing of a small group of choristers enhanced the charm and spiritual quality of a presentation that it is hoped is to become a permanent part of the Christmas season in Victoria.

To Ask Licensing Of Washington Drinkers

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—A plan to license drinkers and bartenders in Washington State will be presented to the Legislature next month by the Washington State Tavern Owners' Association.

K. P. Reynolds, central Washington manager of the association, revealed here Wednesday the measures were intended to keep minors out of taverns.

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"DYNAMITE"
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30¢
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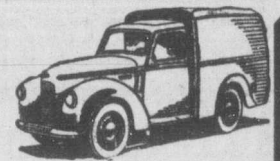
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Gains And Losses Evenly Divided

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market made a feeble, and only partly successful, try for higher prices Thursday.

A handful of stocks swung widely from the previous close but the general run of issues changed only fractionally. Gains and losses were fairly evenly divided.

Stepping far ahead of the market with gains of around two to more than four points were Atlantic Gulf and West Indies common and preferred, Nickel Plate common, and Texas Gulf Sulphur. On the downside U.S. Industrial chemicals lost more than two points.

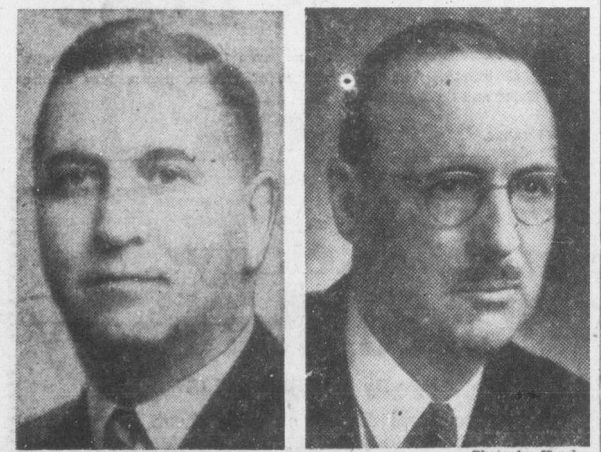
Canadian issues were higher. Hiram Walker gained 1/4, Dome Mines and Distillers Seagrams each were up 1/8.

Dow Jones averages:
30 Industrials 176.49, up .10
20 rails 53.12, up .40
15 utilities 33.13, up .08
65 stocks 64.25, up .17
Total sales, 1,080,000.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)	Closing Bid	Asked
Allied Chemicals	17 1/2	18
American Can	81 1/2	82
American Tobacco	62 1/2	63
American Smelter	42 1/2	43
American Tel. and Tel.	140 1/2	141
Anacostia Copper	32 1/2	33
Armstrong	100 1/2	101
Atchafalca	100 1/2	101
B. and O. Railway	10 1/2	11
Bethlehem Steel	33 1/2	34
Canadian Pacific Railway	32 1/2	33
C. and O. Railway	32 1/2	33
Chrysler	33 1/2	34
Cons. Edison	33 1/2	34
Commonwealth and Southern	33 1/2	34
Eastman Kodak	42 1/2	43
Erie Railroad	17 1/2	18
General Foods	33 1/2	34
General Electric	33 1/2	34
General Motors	33 1/2	34
Goodyear Tire	41 1/2	42
Great Northern	41 1/2	42
Inter. Harvester	26 1/2	27
Inter. Nickel	26 1/2	27
Johns-Manville	36 1/2	37
Kennecott Copper	55 1/2	56
Loew's Theatre	12 1/2	13
New York Central	12 1/2	13
Norfolk and Western	18 1/2	19
Northern Pacific	30 1/2	31
Pacific Gas Electric	30 1/2	31
Pennsylvania Railroad	12 1/2	13
Pepsi Cola	12 1/2	13
Procter & Gamble	26 1/2	27
Republic Steel	26 1/2	27
Schenley Distillers	26 1/2	27
Standard Oil California	68 1/2	69
Standard Oil New Jersey	72 1/2	73
Seaboard	36 1/2	37
Socoy Vacuums	16 1/2	17
Southern Pacific	46 1/2	47
Southern Railway	39 1/2	40
Southern California Edison	26 1/2	27
Union Carbide	39 1/2	40
United Aircraft	81 1/2	82
U.S. Steel	70 1/2	71
Westinghouse Electric	24 1/2	25
Woolworth	44 1/2	45

Boat Out Of Position

Mariners are advised that Gossip Reef gas buoy, Gossip Reef, Active Pass, is out of position, according to a notice issued by T. E. Morrison, acting agent for the Department of Transport.

New Executives of the Canadian Bank of Commerce

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Mr. Allan E. Arscott, C.B.E., has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of The Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mr. Arscott succeeds Mr. S. H. Logan, who has retired after 52 years of active service in the institution, 23 years of which were spent as a high executive officer at Head Office. Mr. Logan remains a Director of the Bank. Mr. Stanley M. Wedd succeeds Mr. Arscott as President of the Bank.

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Mines Move Down In Light Trading

MONTREAL (CP)—The majority of selected industrials were on an upswing during light trading on the Montreal Stock Exchange Thursday. Mines moved into slightly lower ground in a narrow list as trading was light.

Canadian Vickers was ahead 7 1/2 points from the previous day while the preferred issue advanced 2 points to 140.

Home Oil gained 1/4 as Anglo-Canadian and Pacific Petroleum added 20 and 5 cents, respectively.

Vancouver Stocks

(By Hagar Investments Ltd.)

20 Industrials 130.50, off .10
10 utilities 75.40, up .10
30 combined 111.15, unchanged
15 golds 63.77, off .25
10 papers 331.35, up .42
Total sales, 170,400.

(By James Richardson & Sons Ltd.)

Can. Invest. Fund 22 1/2
Can. Bank 22 1/2
Dominion Bank 26 1/2
Imperial Bank 26 1/2
Bank of Montreal 26 1/2
Royal Bank 26 1/2
Bank of Toronto 26 1/2
Atlas Steel 12 1/2
Aluminum 19 1/2
Do. pld. 19 1/2
Algonia Steel 58 1/2
Aluminum com. 58 1/2
Do. pld. 58 1/2
Aluminum Corp. 22 1/2
Bathurst A. 22 1/2
Bel. Telephone 41 1/2
Brazilian Tract. 18 1/2
Br. Amer. Oil 2 1/2
B.C. Forest Prod. 2 1/2
B.C. Power A. 24 1/2
Brown com. 11 1/2
Do. pld. 11 1/2
Building Prod. 17 1/2
Bruck Mills 17 1/2
Do. B. 17 1/2
Can. Dom. Sugar 20 1/2
Can. Malt 20 1/2
Can. Nor. Power 9 1/2
Can. Steamships com. 32 1/2
Can. Cement 24 1/2
Can. Breweries 19 1/2
Can. Bronze com. 23 1/2
Can. Consumers 23 1/2
Can. Dredge & Dock 11 1/2
Can. Locomotive 33 1/2
Can. Vickers 68 1/2
Cockshutt 68 1/2
Can. Alcohol 12 1/2
Cons. Paper 23 1/2
Cons. Glass 23 1/2
Distillers 18 1/2
Dist. Alcohol 18 1/2
Dom. Engineering 26 1/2
Dom. Found. & Steel 13 1/2
Dom. Woodens 13 1/2
Dom. Steel & Coal B. 16 1/2
Dom. Stores 21 1/2
Dom. Tar & Chem. 21 1/2
Donnacona Paper 20 1/2
Dryden Paper 17 1/2
Edco Paper 14 1/2
Electroflux 14 1/2
Famous Players 38 1/2
Penny Paper 21 1/2
Ford of Canada 23 1/2
Foundation Co. 24 1/2
Fraser River 17 1/2
Gaitheau Power 17 1/2
Gen. Electric 17 1/2
Gypsum Line 16 1/2
Hamilton Bridge 30 1/2
Howard Smith 19 1/2
Imperial Oil 19 1/2
Imperial Tobacco 19 1/2
Inter. Accept. 19 1/2
Inter. Metal Indus. 4 1/2
Inter. Nickel 24 1/2
Int. Paper 26 1/2
Jamaica P.S. 26 1/2
Lake of Wapiti 15 1/2
Loewy Walker M. 15 1/2
Maple Leaf 14 1/2
Massey Harris com. 26 1/2
Do. pld. 26 1/2
McCallum Front. com. 9 1/2
Macmillan 9 1/2
Do. B. 11 1/2
Minn. & Ont. Paper 21 1/2
Mitchell 21 1/2
Molokan Brev. 24 1/2
Montreal Loco. 19 1/2
Moore Corp. 19 1/2
National Bro. 27 1/2
National Drug 27 1/2
Nat. Steel Car 22 1/2
Ogilvie Flour 22 1/2
Page Hersey 40 1/2
Power River 40 1/2
Prior Corp. 16 1/2
Price Bros. 16 1/2
St. Lawrence 1st pld. 21 1/2
St. Lawrence 2nd pld. 21 1/2
Sick's Brew. 17 1/2
Southern Co. 18 1/2
South. Can. Pwr. 17 1/2
Standard Chem. 82 1/2
Steel of Can. 82 1/2
Taylor P. & C. com. 8 1/2
Do. pld. 8 1/2
United Steel 11 1/2
Walker Gooderham com. 27 1/2
Westel Prod. 37 1/2
Winnipeg Elec. com. 33 1/2

Preferred Stocks

(By T. H. Burns & Co. Ltd.)

Atchafalca (\$1.50) 5 1/2
Do. (\$2.50) 5 1/2
A.C. Tel. (\$50 par) 4 1/2
B.A. Oil (\$25 par) 3 1/2
B.C. Electric 4 1/2
B.C. Telephone 4 1/2
Blue Ribbon 4 1/2
Calgary Power 4 1/2
Can. Bread 4 1/2
Can. Bronze 4 1/2
Can. Celanese (\$1.75) 4 1/2
Can. Utilities 4 1/2
C.W. Nat. Gas (\$20 par) 4 1/2
Dom. Malt 4 1/2
Freeman 4 1/2
G.S. Wares 4 1/2
Gossip Reef (\$50 par) 4 1/2
Imp. Tobacco (\$25 par) 4 1/2
Nat. Grocers (\$1.50) 4 1/2
Ottawa Power 4 1/2
Power Corp. 4 1/2
Simpsons 4 1/2
Southern Chemical 4 1/2
Geo. Weston 4 1/2

Canada's Merchant Fleet Running Into Heavy Weather

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's deepsea merchant marine is running into heavy weather.

Shrinking world cargo tonnage and sharpening competition have been causing the deepsea operators—whose fleet was built up during the Second World War—to break out distress flags.

And while federal authorities are determined the fleet is to survive, the expectation in informed quarters here is that it will have to trim its sails to do so.

This points to a cut in the size of the merchant marine, a modernizing of its vessels and an all-round jacking-up of efficiency to meet the razor-keen postwar competition on the trade lanes.

There now are 165 Canadian-flag vessels in the deepsea trade, of a total gross tonnage of 1,211,000. The next couple of years may see this whittled to a more compact 75 or so ships of perhaps half the existing tonnage.

But in recent months several factors have started to operate against Canada:

1. Rebuilding of vessels to the point where authorities feel the world's tonnage now is too high in relation to the available traffic.
2. Higher costs of running Canadian ships by comparison with those of such maritime nations as the United Kingdom and the Scandinavian countries.
3. Shortage of hard money, which impedes non-dollar countries to move their cargoes in vessels other than Canada's dollar ships.
4. The fact that much of Canada's war-built tonnage is slow and relatively obsolete against the new vessels coming off the ways of other countries.

New Leduc Wells Send Oils Up

TORONTO (CP)—Western oils climbed briskly ahead on the Toronto Stock Exchange Thursday as trading slowly increased. Industrial held steady in dull pre-Christmas shopping and golds and base metals brightened slightly.

Western oils showed an almost complete list of strong gainers following news of three new wells in the Leduc, Alta., field.

Toronto averages:
20 Industrials 180.07, up .03
20 golds 91.36, up 1.57
10 base metals 105.36, up .26
15 western oils 57.02, up 2.54
Total sales, 1,014,000.

(By A. E. Ames & Co.)

Atchafalca P. & Co. Ltd. pld. 18 1/2
Aluminum Ltd. 58 1/2
Aluminum 4 1/2 pld. 12 1/2
Ashdown Hardware A. 12 1/2
Beitel Bros. com. 41 1/2
Bel. Telephone 41 1/2
Brazilian T. L. and P. 18 1/2
Do. pld. 18 1/2
B.C. Electric Co. pld. 26 1/2
B.C. Power A. 24 1/2

Building Products 32 1/2
Canada and Dominion Sugar 20 1/2
Canadian Imperial Bank 19 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway 32 1/2
Canadian Industries Ltd. 21 1/2
Cons. Paper Corp. 23 1/2
Cons. Glass 23 1/2
Distillers Seagram com. 18 1/2
Do. pld. 18 1/2
Dom. P. and S. Ltd. 26 1/2
Dom. Stores Ltd. 23 1/2
Imperial Oil 19 1/2
Imperial Tobacco 19 1/2
Do. 4 1/2 pld. 19 1/2
Inter. Metal Indus. 4 1/2 pld. 23 1/2
Inter. Petroleum 23 1/2
Inter. Nickel 24 1/2
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London Market

LONDON (Reuters)—A holiday atmosphere prevailed on the London Stock Exchange today.

Prices in most sections remained steady and there were few changes of outstanding interest.

British government securities, oils and industrials were colorless although stock issues were widely a few pence off.

There was a certain animation in South African mining during the earlier part of the session. Local demand for non-producers was keen and resulted in a few gains in Johannesburg, but the section closed irregular.

Closing quotes: Babcock & Wilcox 74 1/2, Boots Pure Drug 55 1/2, Canadian Pacific 12 1/2, Carreras A 17 1/2, Central Mining 11 1/2, Courtauld 38 1/2, Hudson's Bay Co. 8 1/2, Imperial Chemical 45 1/2, Metal Box 19 1/2, Mexican Eagle 14 1/2, Rand Mines 88 1/2, Consols 7 1/2, 11-16, British 3 1/2, War Loans 110 1/2, British Fundings 4 1900-90 11 1/4 3-16.

City Egg Prices

The following egg prices are now in effect:

To producer:
Grade A large 43 1/2
Grade A medium 41 1/2
Pullets 38 1/2
Fowls 36 1/2
Wholesale price to retailers:
Grade A large 46 1/2
Grade A medium 44 1/2
Pullets 41 1/2
Fowls 39 1/2

HOME OIL COMPANY LIMITED

Registration of Shares

Shareholders are advised to register all of their shares in their own names by the 30th day of December, 1948. The directors are considering a plan which may be of benefit to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 30, 1948.

By order of the board,
J. W. HAMILTON,
Secretary.
Calgary, Alta.,
December 22, 1948.**Loch Avon Carrying Holiday Cheer For Victoria And Island**

All the ingredients for the celebration of the festive season are coming to Victoria aboard Royal Mail Line's passenger-cargo ship Loch Avon, Dec. 26.

Included in her cargo for this city are 250 cases of wine, 200 cartons of beer, 250 cases of rum and a ton of sweets.

Eric Marshall of George Paulin Ltd., shipping agents, said today the Loch Avon will remain here the rest of the holiday week-end until Tuesday before sailing for Vancouver.

Aboard the Royal Mail vessel are seven British visitors who are making a round trip from their homeland. They are Mrs. J. Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lodge, H. Harris Cooke, Mrs. M. MacPherson and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dewar.

Three mainland-bound passengers are also aboard the Loch Avon. They are Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. C. A. P. Murlison, going to Vancouver, and Miss J. S. M. Hedley, going to New Westminster.

In addition the ship has aboard for Victoria 31 English automobiles, a large quantity of household effects for British immigrants to Vancouver Island and a shipment of general cargo.

Turkey To Get Two U.S. Destroyers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two battle-tested United States destroyers, the Buchanan and McCalla, are being transferred to the Turkish navy, United States navy headquarters said today.

The destroyers are being reactivated at the naval shipyard at Charleston, S.C., under an enactment approved last April authorizing additional funds for the Greek-Turkish aid program.

Both vessels were built in 1942 and have extensive Second World War battle records. United States crews will sail them to Turkey early in 1949.

Ontario Couple Wed 71 Years On Dec. 25

NAPANEE, Ont. (CP)—For a long time Christmas has had an extra meaning for Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kimmerly of Napanee. It's also their wedding anniversary.

In their 93rd year, they will celebrate completion of their 71st year of marriage Saturday.

Canadian Bonds

MONTREAL (CP)—Trading on the bond market here Thursday was extremely dull due to the coming holiday season and no changes of any significance occurred.

WINNIPEG (CP)—The United Kingdom was allocated 1,200,000 bushels of wheat under the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange Thursday. A cargo of 350,000 bushels of Canadian wheat was sold to Switzerland overnight.

CHICAGO (AP)—Although the grain market was quiet Thursday, it turned in some fair-sized gains in wheat, corn and oats. At times prices were up a cent as a small run of buying orders had more influence than would have been the case in a normally active market.

(By H. A. Humber Ltd.)
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—Handbags, Street Floor

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—Furniture, Fourth Floor

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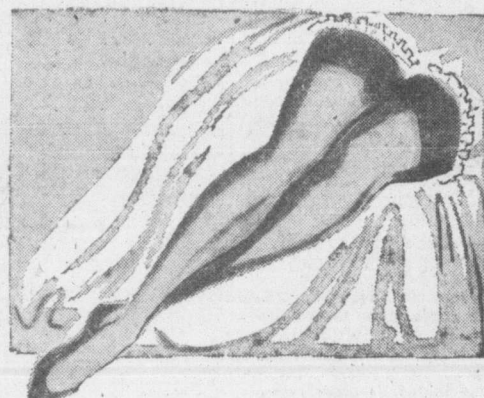
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Coming To Victoria



BILL McALLISTER

Crack goalkeeper of the New Westminster Royals in the Coast Football League, McAllister will return to Victoria next week to take up permanent residence. The former member of Queen's Park Rangers and St. Johnstone teams in Scotland announced yesterday he had secured a position here through efforts of officials of the Victoria United Club and would turn out for the local Coast League eleven as soon as the team resumes practices.

Hockey Scribes Give Many Reasons For Rangers Move

NEW YORK (CP)—Old manager Frank Boucher drop New York Rangers' coaching duties of his own volition—as he and the Madison Square Garden management insist—or was he "kicked upstairs"?

Hockey writers appear equally divided on their answers to this question, with varying emphasis, as the basis of their views:

1. Boucher was too soft on his players.

2. The Rangers are at the bottom of the National Hockey League standing and the Garden management has criticized Boucher for this situation.

3. Lynn Patrick, who takes over as coach is the son of Lester Patrick, vice-president of Madison Square Garden, Ranger owners.

4. Lester and Frank have not spoken to each other, except when necessary, in the last three years.

Those who reject everything but the announced reasons have these facts:

1. The straightforward Boucher's word that the move was his idea and that he picked Lynn personally for the coaching job. Lynn and Frank are close personal friends.

2. The Rangers have not lost any of their last four games.

3. Boucher is the last in the N.H.L. to hold both managing and coaching jobs at one time.

4. The Ranger eight-team farm organization badly needs supervision, which Boucher will provide in his new position.

Only Barney (Journal American) Kremenko, of all the New York writers, gave some credence to both views. But his column was crammed with reasons why Boucher might have been booted upstairs.

BROKE STRICT RULE

Kremenko wrote: "There are many who believe the handwriting was on the wall" after the pre-season auto crash which sent four key Ranger players to hospital. There is a strict garden rule against private auto travel by players during training or the season. But Boucher had allowed Buddy O'Connor to bring his automobile to the Saranac Lake, N.Y., training camp.

Kremenko also relates a "supposed" incident at the Rangers' Winnipeg training camp three years ago—the first Boucher had handled as manager. Patrick is said to have made some belittling remarks to Boucher in response to a question. Boucher has not sought Patrick's advice since, the story goes.

Don Gowan and Frank Scroggs of Uplands Golf Club will play in defence of the city golf buttons against Jack Clark and Eric Barbers of George Vale, at Uplands, Sunday at 12.30.

Flashy King Fights On Star Garden Card

NEW YORK (AP)—Harry Markson's search for new talent to bolster sickly fight gates at Madison Square Garden has resulted in an all-star show for Jan. 14 featuring three brilliant newcomers—Vince Foster of Omaha, Roland La Starza of New York and Arthur King of Toronto.

Foster, La Starza and King scored terrific hits in semi-finals on the last three garden shows. Markson regarded all three by moving them into an all-star show.

King, only 22, is the best prospect to show here in many a year.

The Toronto lad moves his hands faster than any newcomer in the business and is particularly adept with his left. As he is a stablemate of light-weight champion Ike Williams, he can't aim for that crown until he moves up another notch to the welter class.

King has been matched with Willie Beltram, a toughie from Brooklyn, in another fight on the Jan. 14 show.

This card may not pack them in at the garden but it could provide sure fire main attractions for later shows. With the fight game leaning heavily on shop-worn veterans, this should be a healthy shot in the arm to a sick trade.

LONDON (Reuter)—Freddie Mills—world, British, European and British Empire light-heavy-weight champion—is "sitting pretty" in the top ranks of professional pugilism.

With these titles in his keeping, Mills can decline anything less than a five-figure purse and be equally selective about his opponents.

Thus, Mills has decided that he will not fight until he meets Bruce Woodcock for the British, European and British Empire heavy-weight titles in London next June.

This contest will bring Mills the greater part of £20,000 (\$80,000). It may also bring him three championships to add to the four he already holds.

Defeat would have no serious effect on his prestige and status in the light-heavy-weight division.

Woodcock, on the other hand, will have everything at stake. The loss of his titles to Mills would be the biggest blow of his career.

Scalpers Dispose Of Rose Bowl Game Pasteboards For \$25

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Six thousand Rose Bowl tickets were sold to the public in five hours Wednesday.

Many were sold immediately, in a strictly unofficial profit-taking turnover. A University of California spokesman said he didn't see what could be done about that.

There were about 4,000 in line for the 6,000 tickets to the Californian-Northwestern game New Year's Day. The line began forming Sunday night. A cold rain didn't daunt the patient ones.

The limit was two tickets to a buyer, so approximately 3,000 persons got 'em all. The duets were \$5.50 each. And that's all there'll be for public sale. The other \$6,000-odd are for distribution through the two universities and Tournament of Roses Association.

Reporters and photographers saw dozens of those near the head of the line buy a pair, then sell them to others milling about. Prices as high as \$25 a pair were reported in these quick deals.

Idaho Cagers Beat Varsity Second Time

VANCOUVER (CP)—For the second time in two nights the University of Idaho Vandals displayed their hoop superiority over University of British Columbia, defeating the Thunderbirds 57 to 32 in an exhibition intercollegiate basketball contest here Wednesday night.

The Vandals beat U.B.C. 55 to 32 in New Westminster Tuesday night.

In last night's contest Vandals went into a 24 to 12 half-time lead and were never threatened. Dick Geisler, Nick Stallworth and Bob Pritchett, all Vandals, were the top three-point-getters with 12, 11 and 8 points, respectively. Jim McLean was high man for the Thunderbirds with seven.

HOCKEY TIE

TRAIL (CP)—The league-leading Spokane Flyers and third-place Trail Smoke Eaters Wednesday night battled to a 4 to 4 Western International Hockey League tie.

Chmiel and Mike Buckno, former coach of the Czechoslovakian Olympic hockey team, paced Trail with a brace of goals apiece. Scott, Petrici, McBride and Rouse tallied Spokane counters.

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIA's soccer referees and teams of the Victoria and District League have reached a definite impasse. At a meeting this week the referees compromised on their demands for higher fees but the team officials elected to stand pat on their offer with the result the refs have decided to refuse to work any future senior matches. Net result is that first division football in this city will suffer. Last Saturday's match between Canadian Legion and Oak Bay was a perfect example of the calibre of officiating that can be expected from volunteer referees and club line-men.

CHATTING to George Barnes, president of the referees' association, he assured me the whistle boys intend to stand by their guns. "We'll just forget about the senior clubs and concentrate our efforts in working the intermediate and juvenile games," he said. "Maybe that will demonstrate to the officials of the senior teams that we are not just out after the money and have the best interests of the game at heart."

IT MUST be admitted the referees made an attempt to settle the problem. They were willing to compromise but found the team representatives had one scale of fees in mind and refused to deviate one inch. Barnes further pointed out the referees are still willing to get together with the senior clubs and discuss the matter further. "At the session this week we fully expected to have a further discussion with the team delegates but after they turned down our latest offer the meeting broke up, much to our surprise, as we had figured on further parley and possibly a compromise offer from the teams."

REFEREES' association was organized here with the object of improving the calibre of officiating and also to attract a higher standard of men into the group. The referees feel they have accomplished their aims and are entitled to better fees. Majority of the referees hold to the opinion the players will eventually demand that the games be handled by competent officials. They also feel the fans will not appreciate watching games refereed by individuals who have not even passed their written tests much less proven themselves on the field of play. It is a pretty safe bet that a settlement will eventually be reached but in the meantime senior football has taken a backward step.

\$25,000 Fight Offer To Rinty Monaghan

HONOLULU (AP)—Rinty Monaghan of Ireland, world fly-weight boxing champion, Wednesday was offered \$25,000 and expenses to risk his title against Dado Marino in Honolulu on March 1.

Marino's manager, "Sad Sam" Ichinose, cabled the offer to Monaghan's manager, Frank McAloran, in Belfast. Last September Ichinose offered Monaghan \$20,000 and expenses and was turned down.

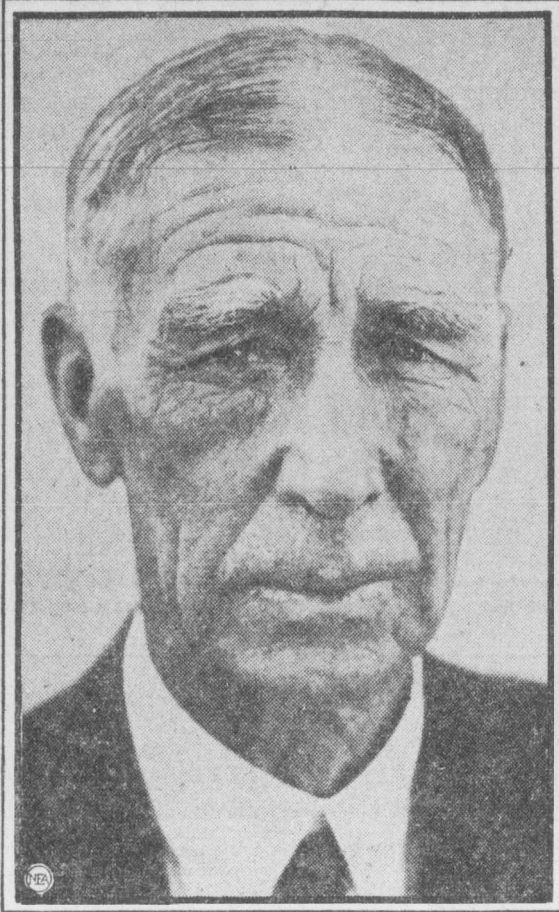
All-Blacks Named As Vancouver Reps For McKechnie Cup Match

North Shore All-Blacks will represent Vancouver in the McKechnie Cup rugby match with the Crimson Tide at Macdonald Park, Boxing Day, at 2.30, it was announced by Vancouver Rugby Union officials this week.

The All-Blacks, leaders in the Miller Cup series on the mainland with a one-point edge over Meralomas, will play under the colors of the Vancouver Lions and will be strengthened for the McKechnie Cup clash with a few players from other teams.

The policy of naming one team with additional strength as needed is one that is being tried out in the Vancouver Union this season and it does not necessarily

Mr. Baseball 86 Today



CONNIE MACK

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Connie Mack, the grand old gentleman of baseball, observed his 86th birthday today.

And the nicest present anyone could offer him would be an outfielder who could swat the ball like a couple of gents Connie had on his clubs in the past.

"But you don't get anything for nothing," Mack observed with the assurance of a man who has been trying to get something and give up little for 48 years.

There's nothing wrong with Mack's 1949 edition of Philadelphia Athletics that a home-run hitter like Jimmy Foy or Al Simmons couldn't correct.

"We made money this year," Connie remarked, "and I'm willing to pay plenty for players. But

nobody wants to deal that way. Everybody wants players in return."

Lacking the present he wants most, Connie made his birthday celebration a quiet one with little fanfare.

Connie knows that his club is well stocked with trading material, particularly in the pitching department. But he's not willing to part with the likes of Joe Coleman or Dick Fowler—both former Toronto players—or Lou Brissie, no matter what bait is dangled at the end.

He won't say so if you ask him, but it's generally accepted that he would be glad to swap his other Canadian-swift, Phil Marchildon, for a slugging fly-chaser or for a second baseman like the St. Louis Browns' Gerry Priddy.

Seven Entries For 29th Annual Christmas Day Swim

At least seven and possibly nine hardy young men will plunge into the icy waters of the Inner Harbor Christmas morning at 11 for the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club's 29th annual Polar Bear plunge.

Heading the list of entries released by Jim McCague of the V.A.S.C. last night was Len Coverdale, winner of the race last year and present holder of the Captain Harbord Trophy. Coverdale will be swimming in "y" colors.

Completing the entry list are: John Jeffrey, Bob Abbott, Edward Glover and Bill Hook of the "Y" and George Peterson and Ernie Maserick of V.A.S.C. Two others have signified their intention of entering but names have been withheld.

Bill Robertson, V.A.S.C. coach, is official handicapper for the 50-yard race and requests all competitors to report to the Crystal Garden at 10.30. Tommy Wellburn is in charge of the course.

Only once in the 30-year history of the Christmas Day Swim has the event been canceled and that time the harbor was covered with ice. There is little possibility of such an occurrence taking place this year.

Shower and dressing room facilities of the Crystal have been extended to all participants.

ghan \$20,000 and expenses and was turned down.

Eddie Shore Says Modern Players Fail To Give All

VANCOUVER (CP)—Are modern hockey players better businessmen than they are puck men?

Ask Eddie Shore, one of the greatest names in hockey and now an owner of minor league teams, and he'll probably say they are.

In an interview here the one-time great rushing defenceman, who also could bounce opposing forwards with an abandon seldom seen before or since his time, said few minor league hockey players are performing to the best of their ability.

"I don't think they have the guts," was his concise explanation.

"Mr. Hockey" said he has players—some with Springfield of the A.H.L., some with Fort Worth of the U.S.H.L. and some with Oakland of the P.C.H.L.—who at times show the kind of stuff that can take them into the National Hockey League.

But, said Shore, they don't show big-time talent and drive often enough to go to the top.

"I can watch a man play three games and I can tell you in any ensuing game whether or not he is giving a 100 per cent effort. I don't see many 100 per cent efforts."

Bruins Tighten Race By Blasting Detroit

Boston Bruins came out of a six-game slump last night and slapped a 5 to 2 loss on Detroit Red Wings. It cut Detroit's National Hockey League lead to a single point over the Bruins.

It also made railbirds wonder if history was repeating itself. Red Wings were without their star left-winger, Ted Lindsay, who went back to the sidelines after an injury last Saturday. Detroit fell into its first slump of the year earlier this month when Lindsay was out with an injured leg.

Daily Double Pays Lucky Holders \$1,010

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Santa Claus arrived early for holders of tickets of Wednesday's daily double at the Fair Grounds, the combination paying \$1,010.

Marled, owned by V. L. Creal, won the first race while Donna L. from the barn of H. Fry, took the second. Marled paid \$21.60, \$22.40 and \$15.60 in straight betting. Donna L. paid \$19.60, \$9.20 and \$6.40.

Sandford Bolsters Hold On Fifth Spot In Hockey Scoring

Boston's Ed Sandford potted two goals last night to consolidate his position among the National Hockey League's scoring leaders. The two points enabled him to take over fifth place, three points back of teammate Grant Warwick, who picked up an assist.

Pete Babando of Boston and Syd Abel of Detroit were the only other players to improve their positions in the only game played. Babando picked up an assist to take over sixth place while Abel's goal put him just inside the charmed circle.

Leaders follow: G. A. Pts. D. Bentley, Chicago, 13 19 32; R. Conacher, Chicago, 9 21 30; J. Conacher, Chicago, 14 14 28; Warwick, Boston, 10 12 22; Sandford, Boston, 10 14 24; Babando, Boston, 12 11 23; Syd Abel, Detroit, 10 19 32; Kennedy, Toronto, 9 13 29.

Canada's Oldest Hockey Circuit Enjoys Best Season

MONTREAL (CP)—The Junior Amateur Hockey Association, Canada's oldest organized circuit, now is enjoying the best season in its 30-odd year history.

With 10 teams representing towns and cities throughout Quebec province, the league is divided into two sections, northern and southern. Five teams from Montreal and district make up half of the circuit while the other entries are Quebec City, Valleyfield, Victoriaville, St. Hyacinthe, and Three Rivers.

A firm believer that junior hockey develops the big name stars, league president Alphonse Therrien pulls no punches when it comes to asking the National Hockey League teams to underwrite his circuit's losses—something he hasn't had to do for the last two years.

A new record was almost established in the league this season when Quebec Citadels, who entered the circuit last season, piled up a string of 17 games without a loss, but disaster met up with the club when it was discovered that one of their players—Marius Groleau—was over age and was using a falsified birth certificate.

DOWN TO CELLAR

The Q.A.H.A. suspended the player for five years and ordered the team to forfeit 13 games—12 wins and one tie—in which Groleau had played. Quebec dropped from first place to the cellar.

In the northern section, the Montreal Canadiens—sponsored Royals are leading the pack with 41 points made up of 20 victories, four losses and one tie. In the southern division, Montreal Nationales, another Canadiens' sponsored team, are at the top of the pack with 34 points. In 27 games they have won 17 and lost 10.

McGill Pucksters Blast Harvard Team

BOSTON (CP)—Phil Henry and Tommy Hale each scored three goals and Reggie Sinclair collected two goals and five assists as McGill University of Montreal swamped Harvard 14 to 0 Wednesday night in an intercollegiate hockey game.

The stylish Canadians rapped in five counters in the first period, three in the second and then wound up the affair with a six-goal outburst in the final session.

Two first-period goals started the Bruins on their first home win since Dec. 1. They added one in the second and two more in the third.

The Bruins move on to Montreal to meet Canadiens there tonight while New York Rangers play at Chicago.

Ed Sanford scored twice for the Bruins to break up a three-way tie for fifth place in the scoring.

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Montreal 9 9 5 61 49 23
Toronto 8 12 6 64 77 22
N. York 6 11 6 52 69 18

race, jumping ahead of linemate Pete Babando and Toronto's Ted Kennedy.

COSTLY PENALTIES

Pat Egan racked up the first goal on a 65-foot drive in the third minute of the first period while Detroit defenceman Leo Reise sat out a penalty. Centre George Gee was in the box 15 minutes later when Sandford got his first tally. He scored again early in the next period on a pass from Babando.

Red Wings hit the scoring late in the third period when Max McNab's pass to Pete Horeck paid off. Sid Abel beat Frankie Brimsek in a scramble early in the third.

Bruins came right back and whipped in two goals 90 seconds apart, with Paul Ronty figuring in both of them. He passed to Smith who got the first one then scored himself while lying on the ice. Ronty was knocked down by Lee Fogelin as he took a pass from Johnny Peirson but managed to poke the puck past Harry Lumley.

SUMMARY

First Period—1, Boston, Egan, 2:41; 2, Boston, Sandford (Warwick, Crawford), 17:53. Penalties: Reise, Dumart, Pavelich, Egan, Gee.

Second Period—3, Boston, Sandford (Babando), 1:03; 4, Detroit, Horeck (McNab), 14:22. Penalties: Peirson, Babando, Stewart.

Third Period—5, Detroit, Abel, 1:14; 6, Boston, Smith (Ronty), 2:05; 7, Boston, Ronty (Peirson), 3:35. Penalty: Reise.

Coast Ice Clash California's First Video Sports Show

The first television showing of the San Francisco Shamrocks and Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast Hockey League built up the box office above normal.

Oakland won 3 to 1 Wednesday night in a game that became northern California's first video sports show. It was telecast by KIPX of San Francisco.

The Oakland victory extended their southern division lead over the idle Fresno Falcons.

The Oaks broke a 1 to 1 tie in the third on Tom Fowler's score. Two minutes later Ken Hayden knocked one in unassisted to ice the game.

At Los Angeles, the Monarchs beat San Diego's Skyhawks 6 to 4 and squeezed from the cellar into a fourth-place tie with the Hawks.

Boston Bruins Trade Defencemen

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League tonight swapped their rookie defenceman, Ed Kryzanowski, for Cliff Thompson, a rear-guardman of the Hershey American Hockey League club. Thompson will report to the Bruins in Montreal tonight. Kryzanowski will report to Hershey in time for Saturday night's game there with Washington.

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Sudbury Wolves Leave For World Hockey Play

NEW YORK—Sudbury Wolves were out on the Atlantic today en route to Europe and a crack at the world hockey championship. The 15 players, a manager-coach, the team and trainer sailed aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth for Southampton hoping to bring back to Canada the championship won last year by the Olympic champion R.C. A.F. Flyers.

"I think our chances are good," said Max Silverman of Sudbury, Ont., past president of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association who leads the party.

Silverman can speak with the authority of years of coaching, including heading the Sudbury Wolves who won the world championship in 1938. And his "right-hand man," F. W. (Dinty) Moore of Port Colborne, past president of the Ontario Hockey Association, was goaltender of the Canadian Olympic team of 1936 which was beaten by Britain.

"But we have had only two weeks' practice as a team and some of the chaps have been with us only a week," Silverman added in an interview.

"We will have a chance to see how things shape up in games in Britain and if necessary we will call for substitutes by air from Canada before the championships at Stockholm," Silverman said.

The team will play in London, Scotland, Nottingham, Paris and Amsterdam, before the championships in the Swedish capital Feb. 11 to 20, sponsored by the

International Ice Hockey Federation, world governing body of the game.

After the championships the team will play in Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Britain before returning to Canada late in April.

Victoria Mentioned As New Entry In Coast Hockey League

SEATTLE (AP)—The possibility of increasing the Pacific Coast Hockey League from 10 teams to 12 was raised Wednesday by president Al Leader.

Leader said a six-team northern division was virtually assured by the construction of a new ice arena at Victoria. The franchise will not be granted, however, until the building is completed and a potential franchise holder has leased the rink.

The other possible site for another club in the southern division, Leader said, is at San Bernardino, Calif. The town has built a new structure, seating 5,200, for its annual Orange festival.

Leader said a meeting will be held at San Bernardino Jan. 15 to discuss the raising of sufficient funds to install an ice plant for a rink.

Sports Round-Up

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the local hockey experts seem to believe it was a disagreement between Lester Patrick and Frank Boucher that caused Frank to be relieved as coach of the Rangers. . . . still we can't help recalling Patrick's remark a few weeks ago: "I'm tired, but it's hard to sit here (right across a desk from business manager Tommy Lockhart) and not do any second-guessing." . . . Could be that Leo Durocher's celebrated remark about nice guys wasn't too far wrong. If there are any nicer guys in the sports business than Boucher and Mel Ott, we don't know them. But neither one ever got quite as good results from his athletes as some managers who aren't quite so nice.

MAKE 'EM EAT ESCROW

When a strange story came out that Arizona's footballers had demanded \$175 apiece to play in the Salad Bowl game, it made them good and mad. . . . So they demanded that the sponsors put \$10,000 in escrow for the under-privileged children who are to benefit from the game. Now Arizona's are suggesting that all the small "bow" games adopt the same procedure. That would protect the colleges and at the same time freeze out any promoters who might figure that charity begins at their homes.

LAST LAUGH

Gabe Mendez, Washington fight promoter, went to the Charlestown races recently and was tipped to four winners. . . . Gabe gratefully told his informant: "I'm going to do something nice for you. I'll give you two winners on tonight's wrestling show."

KAMLOOPS WINS

DURING the first six months of 1948 the British Overseas Airways Corporation carried 1,233 tons of freight. . . . Even after 50 years of printing in England, there was no printed Bible.

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26	3:40	7.6	10:49	8:18	5	2.5	10	3.5
27	4:20	8.9	11:29	8:19	13	1.5	10	2.5
28	5:00	10.2	12:11	8:20	21	0.5	10	1.5
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET (Pacific Standard Time)

Dec. 24—Rises 8:05 a.m.; sets 16:23 p.m.

TIME OUT!

By Jeff Keate



"Mind shaking out your beard? I don't believe he's wrong about this!"

Fiery Art Somers Does Great Job With Regina

Regina Smothers Saskatoon Squad; Fans Sit In Dark

REGINA (CP)—Regina Caps took a four-point lead in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League Wednesday night by overpowering the hapless Saskatoon Quakers 8 to 1 in a game delayed more than 50 minutes because of light failure at the Regina arena.

The first period was near the half-way mark, with neither team having scored, when a power disturbance caused lights in the rink to go out. The 3,400 fans sat in darkness for almost an hour before repairs were completed and the game continued.

Vic Miles celebrated resumption of the match by drilling in Regina's first goal and from then on Caps were never seriously threatened. They increased their lead to 2 to 0 before end of the period, ran it up to 5 to 1 in the mid-session, and completely dominated the third period, scoring three times while holding Quakers helpless.

Chuck McCullough with two goals and one assist led Caps' attack, while Bill Kyle and Sweeney Schriener each scored once and assisted twice. Other Regina scorers were Miles, Dutch Van Doelan, Ab McDougall and Gus Kyle.

Investment Urged To Develop B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson said today the most important thing for the people of British Columbia is maintenance of private enterprise as encouragement to investors to put their money into development of the province.

In an address to the Vancouver Board of Trade's transportation and customs bureau, he said "much of our capital comes from outside."

"We must encourage people to come in and invest money. That is our most important job. . . . We have a great responsibility to see that we do not do anything to indicate we cannot carry on as a private enterprise system," he said.

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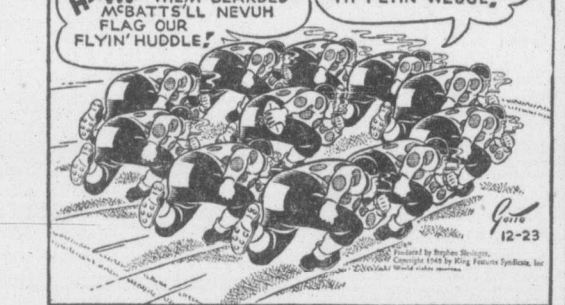
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Wisner Answers Builders On Board Resignation Demand

The Labor Relations Board will not resign as demanded by Victoria contractors who charged that the government body exceeded its authority by issuing "a directive" to them to pay striking carpenters here the wage increase they demanded.

This was indicated today by Labor Minister Gordon S. Wisner, who would not comment on the contractors' charges, but who stated:

"The board was appointed for a period of five years with the proviso that any member may be discharged for cause. The provision for tenure of office was enacted for the very definite reason that if the members of the board felt that they were subject to dismissal at the whim of any government or at the request of

any interested party, whether employer or labor, it would be impossible for them to function impartially and efficiently. They would be constantly subject to the threat of removal from office for alleged errors of judgment as is the suggestion in this case.

"In my opinion the board has, by and large, attacked the problem of improving relations between management and employee in a very able manner. Undoubtedly there will be times when their actions will not suit one or other of the interested parties.

"They, however, are daily gaining valuable knowledge as the result of considering the varied problems posed by administrative experience, and I am satisfied that they are making a real contribution to the cause of industrial peace."

Expect Over 300 In Car Caravan

Over 300 cars are expected to join in the caravan which tonight will drive throughout Greater Victoria, viewing homes which have been entered in the Christmas lighting contest of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Cars taking part in the caravan must be in line, facing west, on Dallas Road, between Douglas and Cook Streets by 7.30.

Motorists are asked that they obey all instructions given them

by the motorcycle escorts. There must be no breaking out of line and there is to be no stopping. The caravan will go slowly past every house so that everyone will have a chance to see.

Prizewinners in the contest will be announced by the judges, following the conclusion of the caravan drive.

Considerable damage was done to cars driven by Eddie H. Johnson, 156 Cambridge Street, and Richard Angus, 1321 Rockland Avenue, when they collided at 4.05. Wednesday afternoon at Cook and Rockland, city police reported.

Population Growth, Incoming Families Cause Payment Jump

Natural rise in the population and the two-to-one influx of families from other parts of Canada to B.C. were given as reasons for the jump of \$1,500,000 in family allowance payments in B.C. this year over 1947.

In releasing figures for the year, Wednesday, W. R. Bone, regional director, said payment reached a total of \$19,089,183 this year, compared to \$17,612,636 in 1947.

"The figure was almost twice as great as the number leaving for other provinces," said Mr. Bone of the influx to B.C. of those in receipt of family allowances. The number, however, was lower than last year.

In 1948, he said 6,672 families with children in the family allowance age group entered B.C., while 3,781 left B.C. for other parts of Canada. Leading all other provinces in the number of incoming families was Saskatchewan with 2,123. Alberta was second with 2,065. These two provinces respectively received 899 and 1,452 B.C. families.

For the month of December this year, family allowances were paid to 274,236 children to the amount of \$1,634,405, as compared with 255,867 children in December of 1947. The December, 1947, payment amounted to \$1,529,586.

Recommend Pay Boosts For Neon Electricians

A pay increase of 15 cents an hour to the end of the month, and 18 cents an hour from Jan. 1 is recommended unanimously by a board of conciliation for journeymen electricians employed by Neon Products of Western Canada Ltd.

The board was composed of G. E. Street, chairman, A. Gordon and J. Southin.

Many Attend Annual 'Y' Christmas Party

Annual Y.M.C.A. Christmas party took place in the gymnasium last night and was attended by over 200 guests.

The dinner party opened with the group singing Christmas carols under direction of George Gordon assisted by Charlie Hunt at the piano.

Many novelty forms of entertainment were presented. Members of Harold Evans' fencing class gave an exhibition performance. Robin Yellowlees and Jim Corbin sang duets and Mrs. B. Hudson and Mr. Evans entertained with exhibition dancing.

South Africa School Seeks Data On City

A comprehensive study of Victoria and the province was sought by S. J. van der Merwe, principal of Val School, P.O. Val, Transvaal, South Africa, in a letter received at Mayor Percy George's office today.

Photographs of leading statesmen, stamps, pictures, drawings and reports on the national flag, parks, monuments, beauty spots, national costume, industries and harbors, were asked.

Mr. van der Merwe said albums containing such information were more suitable for use in big classes than textbooks. The interchange of such information, he added, was one of the best methods of promoting goodwill among nations of the world.

Roy J. Gibson, Suite 10 in the 800 block of Topaz Avenue, reported to city police that his wallet, containing \$70, pictures and personal papers, were stolen from him in the city last night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eagles turkey winners: 13191, 15303, 3616, 2630, 5051, 3781, 12093, 15830, 707, 18185, 9407, 12867, 1642, 2268, 14939, 5633, 13227, 4073, 6973, 9804. ***

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Entered In Home Lighting Contest



Outstanding among houses entered in this year's Christmas lighting contest of the Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce is this home of F. A. Robinson, 2099 Lansdowne Road. The whole house is outlined with cedar boughs and multi-colored lights. On the roof is a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer, and next to the chimney is a Santa Claus with a full pack of toys. The garage doors, far left, have been decorated to appear as a giant Christmas card.



Another home which is bound to draw the admiration of those who view the decorations in tonight's caravan of cars is George Randall's at 741 Mount Joy Avenue. As well as colored lights, this house has been decorated with simulated snow. A huge red and white candy cane has been put on the door and Santa Claus and his sleigh are shown on the roof. At left is a manger scene, showing a cradle and Three Wise Men.

Charge Of Illegal Strike Against Union Dismissed

Charge of an illegal strike against Local 230 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was dismissed by Magistrate H. C. Hall this morning in city police court when the case was called on remand for judgment.

Charge of assenting to a strike against Frederick J. Bevis, business manager of the local, was adjourned to Jan. 5. George Langdon, president of the Victoria Electrical Contractors Association, reported that the association will appeal the case.

"We feel this will be detrimental to the whole industry," he said.

Charges arose following a work stoppage of employees of Mawson-Gage, electrical contractors, Oct. 26 to 27, inclusive. Complaint and information were laid by William Murray Gage.

Magistrate Hall dismissed the charge on the grounds that Sections 30 and 31a of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act on which the charges were based did not apply.

Under Section 30 he found there was no evidence whatever of a dispute prior to Oct. 25 and therefore the case in this instance did not apply. He found Section 31a did not apply as a union was not a person.

The two sections read: Sec. 30—If a dispute arises between the employer and any of his employees, otherwise than during the term of a collective agreement or in the course of collective bargaining with a bargaining authority or between parties to a collective agreement that has expired or been terminated, no employee shall strike, and the employer shall not declare or cause a lockout until a conciliation board has been appointed under this act to conciliate the dispute.

Sec 31a—Notwithstanding anything contained in this act, no person shall declare or authorize a strike and no employee shall strike until after a strike vote of the employees in the unit affected as to whether to strike or not to strike has been taken and the majority of such em-

ployees who vote have voted in favor of the strike.

Magistrate Hall said he was bound by the Summary Convictions Act, and noted that under the definition of the Interpretation Act acts, the word person did not include an organization such as a union.

After Magistrate Hall had ordered the dismissal of J. Howard Harman, acting for the crown, pointed out the Supreme Court held that a trade union is a judicial person and may be prosecuted on a charge under the act. This was rendered he said in the case of Patterson in the Nanaimo Dry Cleaners and Laundry Workers' local trial.

Mr. Bevis handled the defence for the union and is his own defence in the charge against himself. Evidence presented in the charge against the local is to be used in the trial of Mr. Bevis, both sides agreed. The crown and defence are permitted to call further evidence.

Says Egg Prices Will Not Change

One city wholesaler has taken exception to a statement made yesterday by another wholesaler that a slight drop in egg prices may come after Christmas or in January.

"I can't see how there can possibly be a reduction in price this month," he contended. At the present time, producers can send their large and medium eggs to Britain or to Hawaii for the same price as they can get by selling locally. While this condition exists, he considered, there will be no reduction in city prices.

He estimated it would be January 20 or later before any change in price would be made. Grade A large eggs are now selling from 55 cents a dozen here.

\$300 Worth Of Damage By BB Gun

J. M. Wood of Wood Motors, 1061 Yates Street, figured it will cost about \$300 to replace the two eight-by-ten-foot windows on the Cook Street side of the building which were holed nine times by someone shooting a BB gun Wednesday night.

City building inspector today issued a permit for installation of a new hot-air furnace in a banquet hall at 1406 Douglas Street.

Stores, Merchants Differ On Christmas Sales Here

A difference of opinion appears to exist with regard to Christmas sales in downtown Victoria stores this year.

While the majority of store department managers claimed the volume of sales were up—higher than they were last year—a few reported sales were down "everywhere."

One department store manager said the volume of sales was greater than last year but there was a slight trend on the part of the public to buy lower-priced merchandise.

There was a note of uneasiness and uncertainty as to future sale trends in the new year.

"If there is a decrease in trade in the United States, it is sure to happen with time here," he said. "It never fails to happen."

Another department store manager said he thought the over-all volume of sales was high this year. "Our sales counters have not reported anything to the contrary," he said.

He reported, however, a definite drop in sales of luxury goods

such as silverware and porcelain due to the federal luxury tax.

"There is no doubt that sales of luxury goods are down," he said. "Few people like to pay an extra \$4 or \$5 in tax for a \$20 article."

One sales manager painted a totally different picture of the sales trend during the past two weeks. He contended there was a definite decrease of sales in the majority of stores.

"You have only to go and see for yourself," he said.

He said he had never seen a year in which the public searched so much for goods at bargain prices.

Toys had sold well, he reported, as well as practical merchandise. One merchant said sales of merchandise had never been better and that he expected to be kept busy for the next two months supplying orders.

The survey revealed one definite feeling common to all retail merchants—a possible slowing up of trade next year.

Manslaughter By Unknown Driver Verdict In 13th Traffic Death

Manslaughter by the unknown driver of a motor vehicle was the verdict brought in today by a coroner's jury at the inquest investigating the death of

67-year-old Daniel Thoma, 330 Island Highway, St. John's Ambulance man who died Sunday after supposedly being hit by a car last Saturday night.

The case, 13th traffic fatality this year in the Victoria area, presents a problem for provincial police who are continuing investigations.

From evidence given, Thoma was apparently crossing the Island Highway near Helmcken Road, on the narrow stretch commonly called "Death Alley" by many motorists, after alighting from a bus.

The accident occurred around 11.25. Saturday night when Thoma was returning home from his job as first-aid man in a downtown theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ferris, 1610 Burton Avenue, told the jury how they had discovered the deceased crouched on the right hand side of the traveled portion of the highway as they were proceeding toward the city.

STILL CONSCIOUS

They said he was still conscious, and mumbling about someone or something hitting him. Thoma told Mr. and Mrs. Ferris his address and they took him home. A doctor was called and the injured man, who was talking normally by that time,

Bakeries' Combine Report Under Study

The Attorney-General's Department is studying the Goldenberg report on an alleged combine involving five western Canadian bakeries and two bakery associations.

It is not known if charges will be laid by the provincial government.

The report on the bakery industry charged that the five companies and two associations had combined to fix prices of bread.

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**Ralph Davis Gets
Water Board Post**

Mayor Percy George announced appointment of Ralph Davis, assistant Victoria water commissioner, to the post of commissioner to the Greater Victoria Water Board, on the basis of a probationary period of one year for a salary of \$6,000, following a board meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The board, which will meet again this afternoon, must name a clerk-treasurer also.

City Briefs

The Provincial Museum will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, Monday. It will be open as usual on Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

An earthquake of moderate density was recorded at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory here at 12.49 this morning, continuing for about an hour. It was estimated to be about 2,900 miles from Victoria, probably at the far end of the Aleutian Islands chain.

City detectives this morning were investigating a possible entry attempt at the Safeway store at Esquimalt Road and Springfield Avenue during the night. At 4 this morning Constable Harry Hoshal, making a check of premises out that way, discovered where nine screws had been removed from the stripping around the side door.

In a recent essay competition on the subject of "Christian Stewardship" conducted by the United Church in all Sunday schools throughout the country, Mary McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McLean of 1051 Hampshire Road, gained first place in her age group. Mary attends Oak Bay United Sunday school and has been a member of the Mission Band and now is active in the C.G.I.T. group of that Church.

**Commission To Probe
New Guinea Rule**

SYDNEY (CP)—The Australian government will order a Royal Commission to investigate the administration of New Guinea by External Territories Minister Edward J. Ward, it was learned here today.

Ward asked Prime Minister Chifley today to hold the commission on the widest possible terms to allow him to answer allegations on the integrity of his administration. His request follows Wednesday's acquittal of three men on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Brisbane timber firm of Hancock and Gore out of \$160,000 by selling them the timber lease of Bulolo Valley, New Guinea.

Ward vigorously denied all knowledge of the deal. It was understood Ward has been relieved of his cabinet post which will be taken over by Army Minister Cyril Chambers.

**Sailors Threaten
New Shipping Tie-up**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A strike vote which could lead to a new west coast maritime tie-up will be taken by the A.F.L. Sailors' Union of the Pacific beginning Monday. The vote was authorized at a union meeting Wednesday which delayed the sailing of two passenger liners several hours.

The seamen are demanding wage increases of from \$20 to \$60 per month. That would bring top pay up to \$350 a month for boatswains. The union's negotiators told the meeting here ship owners have offered from \$16 to \$35 per month with adjustments possible in working rules to compensate for the difference.

**Tass Says Farmer
138 Years Old**

LONDON (AP)—Tass, the Soviet news agency, said today an Azerbaijan farmer recently celebrated his 138th birthday. The Tass dispatch, distributed here by the Soviet monitor, said the farmer, Safar Gussein Ogly, of the village of Morul, is "sturdy and in good health."

DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Buford Tane

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



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Conciliators Named

A conciliation board has been named in a dispute between the Brackman-Ker Milling Co. Ltd., of Vancouver, and employees at Vancouver, New Westminster, Cloverdale, Langley Prairie and Chilliwack.

The employees are members of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, Local 412. Matters in dispute include union security, statutory holidays and wages. The conciliation board is composed of George E. Street, chairman; J. H. Ruddock, for the employer and Herbert Gargrave for employees.

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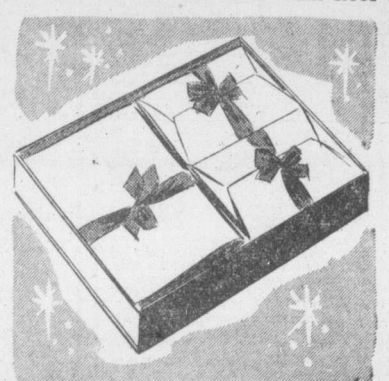
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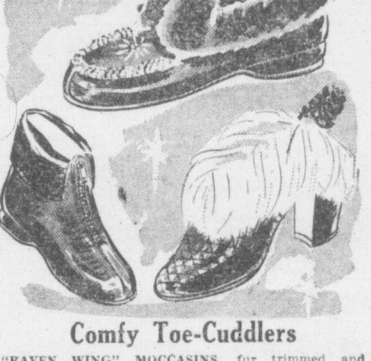
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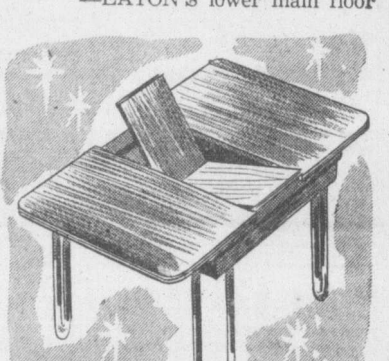
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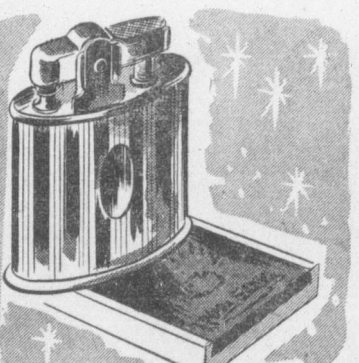
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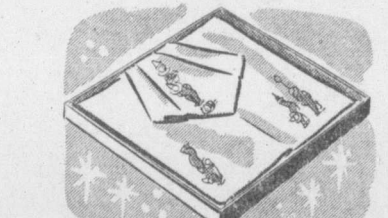
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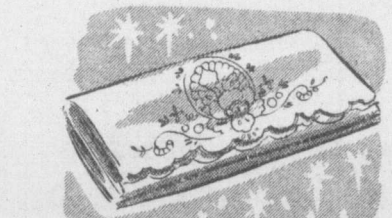
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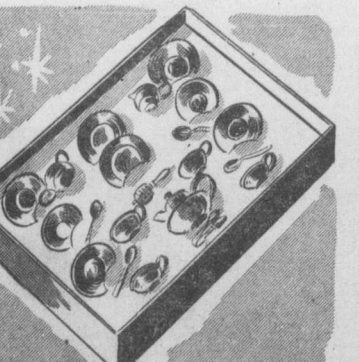
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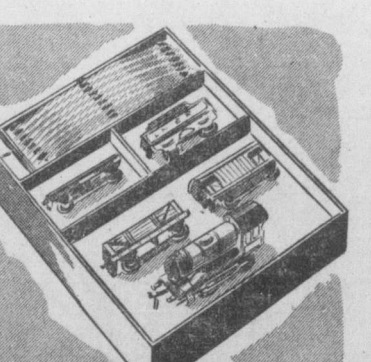
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